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GREETING: King Khaled received Sunday well-wishers who came to greet him on his arrival to the Eastern Province. The King arrived in Dhahran Saturday on a week-long tour of the region. Riyadh Governor Prince Salman (right) looks on.

## Heavy fighting spreads along 500kms warfront

BEIRUT, Nov. 23 (AP) — Iran and Iraq reported heavy fighting flaring along their 500 kilometer warfront Sunday with Iraq's giant oil refinery in Abadan reported on fire anew.

Iraq said its paratroopers, striking behind waves of rocket-firing helicopter gunships, pushed counterattacking Iranian forces back at Iran's strategic western highlands Sunday, killing 145 Iranian soldiers.

Iraq said it crushed a new Iraqi offensive to overrun the key highway town of Susangerd in south western Iran but admitted the giant oil refinery of Abadan was set on fire anew by Iraqi field artillery.

Iran's official news agency Pars said parts of the refinery that provided 40 per cent of Iran's pre-war fuel needs was in flames as a result of renewed Iraqi artillery bombardment.

Palls of thick, black smoke billowed from the strucken complex and blew over to engulf many residential areas in the besieged city on the eastern bank of Shatt Al Arab waterway, according to Pars.

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## King continues tour, meets people

AL-KHOBAR, Nov. 23 (SPA) — King Khaled who is visiting the Eastern Province, Sunday received a message from King Hassan II of Morocco. The message was delivered by King Hassan's Adviser Ahmad Qadira.

Attending the meeting was Crown Prince Fahd; Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard, Prince Abdullah; Minister of Defense and Aviation, Prince Sultan; and the King's adviser, Dr. Rashad Pharaon.

The King also received Sunday a message from Indonesian President Suharto, who was represented by Minister of Energy and Mining, Dr. Sproto. Prince Abdullah, Prince Sultan, Dr. Pharaon and Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, attended that meeting.

King Khaled also met with Rudolf Siringer, the head of Austria's Chamber of Commerce, Prince Abdullah, Dr. Pharaon, and Commerce Minister, Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, were present.

In the morning, the King met citizens who

came to the palace to welcome him and wish him well. Also visiting the palace were a number of delegations, including: one from the teaching corps of The University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran; one representing the residence of Qatif, Sibat, Safwi and Damman; one from the Bani Khaled, Bani Hajar and Mahasir tribes from Onk village in Qatif; one from Ajman and Al-Dasser, and one representing the inhabitants of Bqiq and Ain Dar. The governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi, attended these meetings.

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Prince Naif said that the visit of King Khaled to the Eastern Province and his dedication of Jubail naval base shows the King's keen interest in the country's development projects.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, said that the King wanted to explore citizens' feelings when major projects are being carried out. He thanked God that all projects under the third Five Year Development Plan had been successfully

completed.

Earlier Crown Prince Fahd arrived in Dhahran from Riyadh Saturday evening to attend the dedication ceremony for Jubail naval base and inspect with the King oil, irrigation and drainage projects.

Prince Fahd will also meet with the King the inhabitants of the area and listen to their problems.

The prince was met at the airport by Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi and other senior officials and high-ranking officers.

Earlier in the day, Prince Fahd was seen off at Riyadh airport by Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam and Deputy Minister of Interior Prince Ahmad ibn Abdul Aziz.

Also Saturday, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal returned to Dhahran from Amman after leading Saudi Arabia's delegation to the conference of Arab foreign ministers. Aboard the same plane was Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh

Muhammad ibn Muharrik Al-Khalifa.

Prince Saud and his guest were met at the airport by Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi and other ministers and senior officials.

The ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, returned to Manama from Dhahran Saturday evening after conferring with King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd on issues of common interest. In an arrival statement, the ruler said he reviewed with the King and situation in the Arab world and issues connected with the Amman summit, adding that views of both leaders were identical. He said he hoped that the summit would unite the Arabs.

Sheikh Issa expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him during his visit and said he was impressed by Saudi Arabia's achievements under the leadership of King Khaled.

The Bahraini ruler was seen off in Dhahran by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and other princes, cabinet ministers and senior state officials.

## Arab leaders to map 'longterm strategy'

AMMAN, Nov. 23 (AP) — Most Arab leaders will gather here this week to map longterm political and economic strategy. Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam was reported en route to Libya and Algeria in an effort to promote a boycott of the conference.

Sources said 19 heads of state will journey to Amman for the summit which opens here Nov. 25. Syria, which has announced it will not attend, along with Libya, Algeria and South Yemen may hold their own mini-summit to demonstrate "veto power" of any strategy adopted by the moderates without their consent, sources said.

A key question is which summits will attract the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The PLO scheduled an executive committee meeting in Damascus to decide whether to attend the 11th Arab League summit here. With divisions rife, Arab and Western diplomats agree the focus of the summit here is likely to be non-controversial issues such as increase economic cooperation.

Iraq has proposed a decade-long 15-billion-dollar scheme to promote joint investments in the development of good,

energy, transport and raw material projects. The economic theme will permeate the discussions because we believe it is the one factor that can bring us inseparably together, one Iraqi diplomat said.

Another topic, at least behind closed doors, is likely to be pry the new American administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan away from the Camp David peace process and its concept of limited autonomy for Palestinians.

President Carter's policy was rejected by nearly all Arab states except Egypt because it failed to provide for Palestinian independence.

Meanwhile, Nov. 21 Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, left Baghdad early Sunday after a short visit to Iraq, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) said. INA said Arafat arrived in Baghdad Saturday and discussed the Gulf war and Arab world developments with President Saddam Hussein.

Arafat said the PLO's decision on whether to attend the summit would be known after he had reported to the PLO leadership on his Arab tour which began last week.

### Leaves Egypt for home

## Rapid Deployment Force ends games

The rapid deployment concept had been on the Pentagon's drawing boards for years. But the fall of the late Shah of Iran, the 11-month-old Soviet incursion into Afghanistan and now the Iran-Iraq war have turned the project into a top Pentagon priority.

Development of the forces at the current level started in March, Pentagon officials here said. They said an Egyptian force will train sometime next year in the United States, and U.S. Gen. Volney Warner, in charge of the Pentagon's Readiness Command, said here on Saturday that Rapid Deployment units will return to Egypt. He did not say when.

American military strategists said privately that the failed attempt last spring to rescue the 52 American hostages then held in Tehran showed how inexperienced U.S. forces are in planning and executing desert missions.

Since then, *Bright Star* has been the second American military operation in Egypt. Both have been marred by air crashes that military sources said "might" be connected to unique desert missions.

Thirteen persons died Nov. 12 when a giant C141 transport jet bringing them here, crashed while attempting to land at this strip 40 kilometers West of the Egyptian capital.

Two Americans perished in August in the crash of their Phantom F4-E fighter jet as it

banked in a three-plane maneuver landing at Cairo West.

The crashes remain under investigation, and probbers are checking carefully for any sign the uniqueness of flying in the Middle East desert — no landmarks, thin and very dry air, a sometimes invisible horizon — may have contributed.

The Pentagon has said *Bright Star* was billeted as the first-ever Mideast maneuver of Rapid Deployment units, but the size of the force in fact was far smaller than what would be sent to genuine hostilities.

Airborne army units counted for 850 of the 1,400 total, while 350 were from the air force. The rest were from those and other services providing administrative support.

The U.S. commanders stressed throughout the exercise that they are trying to maintain a low profile here. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has said the Americans can "use" his bases only when invited. He said such invitations would issue only when an Arab nation is threatened. Sadat has said many times the Americans cannot "maintain" forces at Egypt's military facilities.

On Saturday, the influential Egyptian Magazine *October* reported Sadat was extending essentially the same deal to European nations if they see a need to "contain" the enduring war between Iran and Iraq. "The facilities would be the same as those we have offered the United States."

White-bearded men, toothless women clamor for war

By Alex Efti

BAGHDAD, Nov. 23 (AP) — White-bearded old men and toothless old women stomped in a war dance in the street and shrieked long forgotten Arab battle-chants here to celebrate their enrolment into Iraq's volunteer popular army.

They said the volunteers would be assigned tasks later, to suit their previous experience and capabilities.

But the crowd outside the Baghdad recruiting center made it clear in their impromptu demonstration they were bent on going to war. "We are all Saddam's soldiers now... we are ready to go to war to chop off the hands stealing our rights," they chanted.

The demonstration was sparked off when a group of foreign newsmen and television reporters arrived on the scene. But similar scenes have been screened on Iraq's state-run television every evening for the past ten days. The television coverage showed old men and women volunteers performing war dances and chanting outside recruiting centers in all the major towns of the country.

The group of about 300, all aged 65 and over, were the last batch of volunteers responding to an appeal by President Saddam Hussein to the older citizens of Iraq to contribute to the war effort against Iran.

The appeal gave Iraqis aged 65 and over, both men and women, 10 days to volunteer by registering at the recruiting centers of the popular army — a kind of citizens militia for younger citizens.

The president explained and issued the appeal in response to requests by older Iraqis who were complaining they were feeling left out of the war. Officials said more than 25,000 older citizens had registered already before the last day of recruitment.

Kamal Jabbar who was there with his wife, both in their seventies, said "our sons and grandsons are at the front and we want to be with them. What if we are old, there is nothing wrong with us."

Local newspapers said the oldest volunteer was Saleh Barbat, aged 120, from the town of Nineveh.

Women, dressed in the traditional black Muslim head to toe veil swirled into an impromptu war dance of their own, grinning their toothless smiles waving the rifles over their heads and shrieking the traditional ululating cry used by Arab women to express their joy.

The old men, also dressed in flowing Arab robes and keffiyahs (the traditional Arab head scarves) were prodded into an even more lively stomping but the women's performance.

"Saddam's name makes America shake," they started chanting, turning to the group of foreign newsmen watching.

"This is not a joke. We are all deadly serious about this business of going to the front," an old man with a white beard said.



POSE: A group of Iraqi soldiers pose for a photo for Iraqi television in the port area of the Iraqi occupied Iranian town of Khorramshahr.

*Expansion discussed*

## Islamic news service reviewed

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Information Ministry officials are discussing plans to expand the wire services of the International Islamic News Agency.

Deputy Minister of Information Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, said he would like to see a strong agency so that it may cover as much of the world as possible. Khoja, who is chairman of the board for IINA, met Sunday with the agency's director general Safdar Ali Quarashi.

The agency was established by member states of the Organization of Islamic Conference, which is responsible for convening meetings of Islamic foreign ministers and following up their resolutions. The agency has its headquarters here and already has correspondents in seven Islamic capitals and the main centers of information in the world. The agency transmits news over nine hours — on the average of 10,000 words day to 20 Islamic states in addition to a Spanish language service, which is relayed to 13 states in South America.

In July this year Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd Yaman toured the agency and said he admired the progress achieved by them. He reaffirmed the Kingdom's commitment to foster its objectives. He discussed with the Secretary General of the OIC, Habib Chatti, the need to urge member states to enhance their contributions in order to improve the agency's accomplishments.

Yaman said the agency's news now



Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja

reached countries in Asia, Africa and Europe in addition to the Middle East states. He said that the existing cooperation between the agency and the Saudi Press Agency helped the agency to fulfill its aims more effectively.

Last year the agency leased wireless and telecommunications facilities from Italy's Radio Stamps. Under this agreement Radio Stamps will provide the agency with high frequency transmitters for relaying news to the Middle East, Near East, Africa, Asia and some European countries. It provided the facilities to set up a receiving station in Jeddah, which was linked to the radio's Rome-based headquarters by satellite.

The agreement enabled the agency to collect news reports from the member states as well as from international news centers and to transmit them. The agency aims to manage its own wireless and telecommunications net-

### Waterworks to start

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water will soon commence the construction of new water networks for Jeddah.

Assaad Jamjoum, director general of the Western Province Department of the ministry said that work will start with Part III of the fifth phase and Part I of the sixth phase of water networks to serve districts in Jeddah like Al-Salam, Al-Rawda, Al-Estad, Al-Riyad, and other districts in Southern Jeddah.

He added that the ministry was diverting Khalees water pipeline from within the new days visit at the invitation of Dr. Jazaeri. Western Region Health Director Dr. Abbas Hamza Marzouqi gave a luncheon in honor of the Chinese official. The reception was attended by the Chinese ambassador to the Kingdom, Y-Chi Hsueh, in addition to Jeddah clinic's medical staff.

work and eventually develop a full-fledged world news agency.

The agency was created to convey an Islamic image of the Muslim world and to promote the flow of news between Muslim countries.

Somewhat related to the agency is the Islamic Broadcasting Services Organization with its headquarters in Jeddah. It was set up in 1975 through the initiative of King Faisal. Twenty three states were represented at the foundation meeting in Riyadh and at subsequent conferences in Istanbul and Abu Dhabi.

It exists for the propagation of Islam, its culture and its worldwide interests. It has the ideal of introducing Islamic peoples to one another to share their common heritage, to forge bonds between them and by consultation, to present and defend Islamic principles in the world at large.

This is to be achieved by radio and television either in the exchange or production of programs. At present there is more concentration on radio using national networks, but it hopes eventually to have an independent station. In the Kingdom it has already produced many hours of television, using studio facilities in Jeddah, Riyadh, Dammam and Abha. It is planning to produce a monumental history of Islam over the past 14 centuries.

Chinese health official visits Jazaeri for talks

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — The director general of health for the Republic of China, C. M. Wang, arrived here Sunday as part of his visit to the Kingdom that aims at promoting further the Sino-Saudi health cooperation. Wang was accompanied by Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazaeri.

Dr. Jazaeri said on their arrival that cooperation between the two countries was constructive in various aspects of health. The minister referred to the Chinese physicians, nurses and technicians working in the hospitals of Hofuf and Jeddah.

Meanwhile, Wang expressed his country's readiness to cooperate with the Kingdom, and said that Taiwan quite understands the Kingdom's requirements. He described his talks with Dr. Jazaeri as "positive in all aspects." Later in the afternoon, the Chinese official visited Jeddah clinic and inspected the advanced equipment and medical methods applied. He expressed his admiration for the improvement of medical services in the Kingdom.

Wang arrived in Riyadh Thursday on a few days visit at the invitation of Dr. Jazaeri. Western Region Health Director Dr. Abbas Hamza Marzouqi gave a luncheon in honor of the Chinese official. The reception was attended by the Chinese ambassador to the Kingdom, Y-Chi Hsueh, in addition to Jeddah clinic's medical staff.

### Hotel plan to be finalized

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — A luxurious 351-room Meridien hotel will open in Al-Khobar shortly. J.Y. Berard, commercial director of Meridien Hotels has arrived in Al-Khobar to finalize marketing strategies for the new hotel. Peter Braun has been appointed as general manager.

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Those companies meeting the above qualification requirements will be invited to bid.

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*But game goes on*

## Kitten stops football fans

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — This year's national soccer league saw some powerful matches as well as weak ones. It is the first league in several years in which 93 goals have been scored in 30 matches by ten teams.

But apart from the facts, there are some scenes that passed unnoticed, at least by English readers. For example, in the Ahli Nahda match Friday, at the height of the game near the end of the first half the play had to be stopped. A kitten walked onto the field while ignoring what was going all around, and moving with ease.

The crowd roared with laughter, as the kitten was carried out, breaking the nervousness of the game and putting fans at ease.

Another incident occurred during Ahli's match against Riyadh in Riyadh Tuesday. Ahli scored the only goal of the game through Ahmad Sagir from what the Riyadh team members thought was an offside. The crowd cheered, but was cut short when Riyadh's defenders planted the ball for the goal was correct and fans picked up their applause where it stopped.

Only in the sixth week of the league 22 goals were scored in five matches. Tamim Al-Hizami, scored three, and the three other players scored two each. Only one penalty was granted to Ittihad from the five matches. Majid Abdullah, the Kingdom's national team striker playing for Nasr, retains the lead in scorers so far with nine goals. One controversial goal was the one scored by Tamim in Jabelein's net. The ball was kicked by

Majed inaugurates Austrian exhibit

and Culture the First Plastic Arts Exhibition for artists of both sexes in the region.

More than 50 works will be displayed representing various modern and ancient arts. The exhibition also will depict the local reflection in Husa of the country's ancient and modern heritages.

Meanwhile, the Eastern Province's Social Security Office began Sunday paying pensions and indemnities to 2,200 beneficiaries in Dammam, Al-Khobar, Al-Thuqab, Dharan, and Raka. Muhammad Al-Shihri, the director of the office, said that about SR5,000,000 were given to beneficiaries in the period from Nov. 8.



FOOTBALL: Soccer has dominated Saudi Arabian sports activities as the most popular sport for a long time.

### COMMENT

By Adnan Kamel Saleh  
*Al-Madina*

It was strange to hear some people say that it is better for the Arab leaders not to meet at a summit conference because of the disarray in their ranks. I find this illogical because this means that the present differences marking inter-Arab relations should be perpetuated rather than solved.

I believe the Arab summit is crucial because it is the only way to bring together the decision makers in the Arab world to discuss their problems and proposed solutions at the highest level. With one or two exceptions the Arabs have common objectives and are all Muslims, have a common enemy represented by Israel and supported by foreign powers which we can bring pressure on to change their tactics and policies.

We do not demand that the summit should bring about Arab unity because this appeal has become unfortunately hollow. It has been misused by some evil men for their own mean objectives. We do not demand that the Arab citizens should be free to move in and out of other Arab states, but they should be free from terror and assassination when they move out of their own states.

We will soon have to meet a new American administration, which will have an important effect and will play a role in the way the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian question will be like in the next few years.

We should ponder carefully what Prince Fahd has been saying about the declaration of a holy struggle, jihad, to save the holy city of Jerusalem and liberate the occupied lands from Israeli domination. With this we should be able to fight our way back to Palestine and uphold our rights. And for the sake of Palestine the Palestine Liberation Organization must attend the summit Tuesday in Amman.

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During Third Development Plan

## Kingdom to boost refining capabilities

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 — Although plans for Saudi Arabia's crude oil production in the next five years will remain fairly constant, there will be a surge in refinery construction, petrochemical product distribution systems, terminals and storage, according to *Saudi Business* magazine.

This means there also will be a quantum leap in capital expenditures for the Third Five-Year Plan period will cost more than \$40 billion. Aramco expenditures will also be in that range, if not more.

One of the Kingdom's main objectives has been to increase the value-added of crude oil by refining more and more of it within the country's borders. Ironically, however, the first year of the second plan saw a slow decline in the ratio of refined products to crude oil exports. During the first year of that plan — 1975 — some 6.8 per cent of oil exports was refined; last year the figure had dropped to 5.5 per cent. By 1985, though, this will all be reversed, and some 16.3 per cent of exports will be based on overall production of 8.5 million bpd will be in refined form.

All of Petromin's three joint venture oil refineries — costing almost \$8 billion will be onstream by 1985. The first to be opened, in 1983, will be the 325,000 bpd Aramco-Petrolia refinery in the Red Sea port of Rabigh, followed in the next year by a more sophisticated but smaller 250,000 bpd refinery in Jubail and Yanbu, the former a joint venture with Shell, the latter with Esso. As the third plan text notes, some 6,000 bpd of capacity could be added by adding extra units at these three refineries. Any expansion will occur in the late 1980s and into the fourth plan.

Petromin is already underway in its program to increase domestic refining capacity, by expanding existing facilities, and by constructing grass-root refineries in Yanbu and Jizan, the latter under the aegis of Esso.

Despite all this new refining capacity, the Kingdom will barely be able to satisfy the growing domestic demand for oil products. This year — the first of the plan — domestic demand is around 500,000 bpd. By 1985, demand will nearly double to just over 1 million bpd, according to the latest oil projections. To cope with some of this, Petromin will continue to let processing plants abroad.

The particular product in which Petromin is stamping to make the Kingdom self-sufficient by the end of the plan period is petrochemicals. At present, Luberef, a joint-Mobil joint venture (Petromin is 70 per cent of equity), is the only lubricating refinery in the Kingdom, with an output of 1.4 million barrels a year.

Only 700,000 barrels a year of Luberef's output can be blended and used domestically — the rest is now exported under an off-take agreement with Mobil.

To help quench the growing internal thirst for Lube oils (demand is currently rising at 7 per cent a year), Petromin is planning two

huge Lube oil refineries in Jubail and Rabigh. The Jubail plant, with an annual output of 4.8 million barrels, will be a joint venture between Petromin and Texaco. Saudi-Arabia, with a planned capacity of 1.8 million barrels a year, is a joint venture between Petromin and Ashland oil.

## BRIEFS

## ArabSat meeting

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — The fourth session of the board of administration of the Arab Satellite Organization will open here on Tuesday, according to Faisal Zaidan, undersecretary for Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones and board chairman. Zaidan said that the three-day meeting will examine the various bids for the Arabsat, the admission of Djibouti as member, and other issues.

## Children visit factory

MECCA, Nov. 23 (SPA) — A delegation of children from Gulf countries attending the First Gulf Children Festival visited here Saturday the factory where the cloth covering the Holy Kaaba is manufactured each year. The children also were shown King Faisal Model schools. The festival is supervised by the Ministry of Information.

## Agricultural group to meet

HAIL, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Hail Governor Prince Miqren ibn Abdul Aziz conferred here Saturday with founding members of Hail Agricultural Development Company. He will meet them again on November 30 to complete the discussions in the presence of representatives of the governmental departments concerned.

## Meteorological visit set

JEDDAH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — An Australian meteorological delegation will arrive in the Kingdom next Saturday on a one-week visit to boost cooperation between the two countries' meteorological authorities. The delegation will confer with Saudi meteorological experts and will visit Jeddah's main observatory, the

national center for the protection of the environment, and Jeddah's new international airport.

## Greenhouses licensed

RIYADH, Nov. 23 (SPA) — Licenses to set up five green houses in Kharj and Qatif were granted by the Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh. Another license was approved for a poultry farm in Huraila. The three projects will cost SR106 million. The farms will produce grains, vegetables amounting to several thousand tons a year while the poultry farm is expected to hatch 414,000 chickens a year. All the projects to be owned by the private sector will be assisted by the state.

## Super league play

RIYADH, Nov. 22 (SPA) — Three football matches were played Friday evening in the context of the super league. In Riyadh, Al-Hilal beat Al-Ittifaq 3-2. In Jeddah, Al-Hilal beat Al-Nahda 3-1. In Damman, Al-Riyadh beat Al-Qadecya 2-0. On the other hand, Al-Hilal beat Al-Rabi 3-1 in a volleyball match as part of the super league.

## Maintenance plant planned

LONDON, Nov. 22 (LPS) — A maintenance plant for cars and trucks, including a small town and garden suburb to accommodate the workforce, is to be built and equipped for Saudi Arabia's largest vehicle importer, LSA of Jeddah. More than 306,000 square meters of covered workshop and storage space will be constructed at the Jeddah site. Training facilities and service engineers also will be supplied.

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## Restaurant featured at Expo '80

SHARJAH, Nov. 23 — Visitors to Expo '80 will have an opportunity to taste Italian delicacies when the Expo Center's own restaurant facility begins functioning with the inauguration of the "Ristorante Italia."

The Italian food restaurant which is part of the "Discover Italy" section of Expo '80 will be serving Italian foods prepared at the expo kitchens by a complement of four cooks from Italy, a press statement said.

The well-known restaurateur, Roberto Ciapetti of Leonardo Restaurants in Florence, Italy, will himself be present to supervise and manage the dining facility which will continue throughout the duration of the exhibition. All the ingredients are being specially flown in by Alitalia in order to ensure that the flavor and quality of Ciapetti's dishes are maintained.

To lend genuine Italian flavor to the restaurant, which will be located around the central garden of the exhibition complex in an outdoor patio setting, the waiters will be dressed in costumes of the Medici period. Italian guitarists will serenade the diners. Ciapetti who has won a number of culinary awards in Italy has promised a wide variety of specialties including baked Lasagna, lamb and meat preparations, dishes of Tuscany, Roman dishes of special fish preparations in Mediterranean style and a whole host of other Italian delicacies.

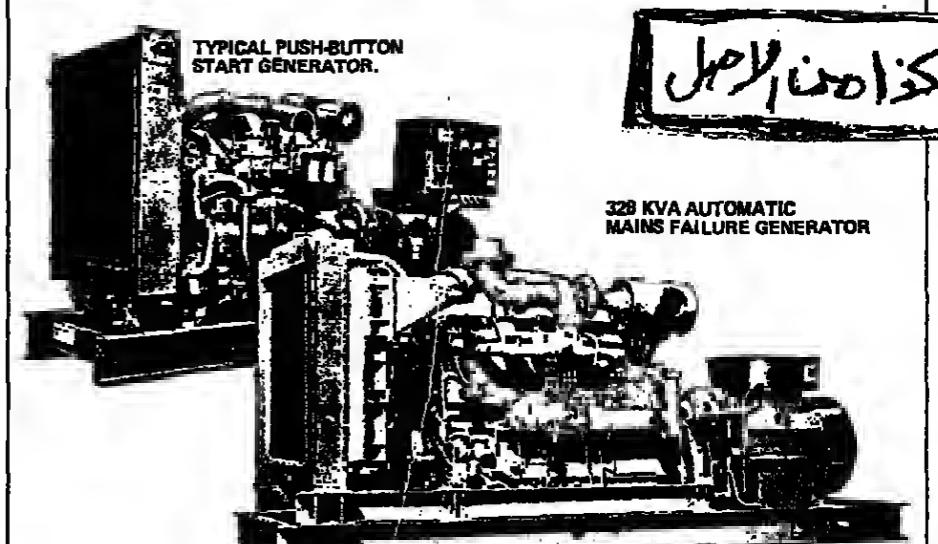
An Algerian cook too will be in attendance to prepare a number of Arab dishes to cater to the palate of visitors from the region.

The restaurant will be officially opened simultaneously with the inauguration of Expo '80 by H.H. Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohamed Al Qasimi, member of the Supreme Council and ruler of Sharjah. Those present at the opening ceremony which will be for invitees only will have the first opportunity of tasting Ciapetti's dishes.

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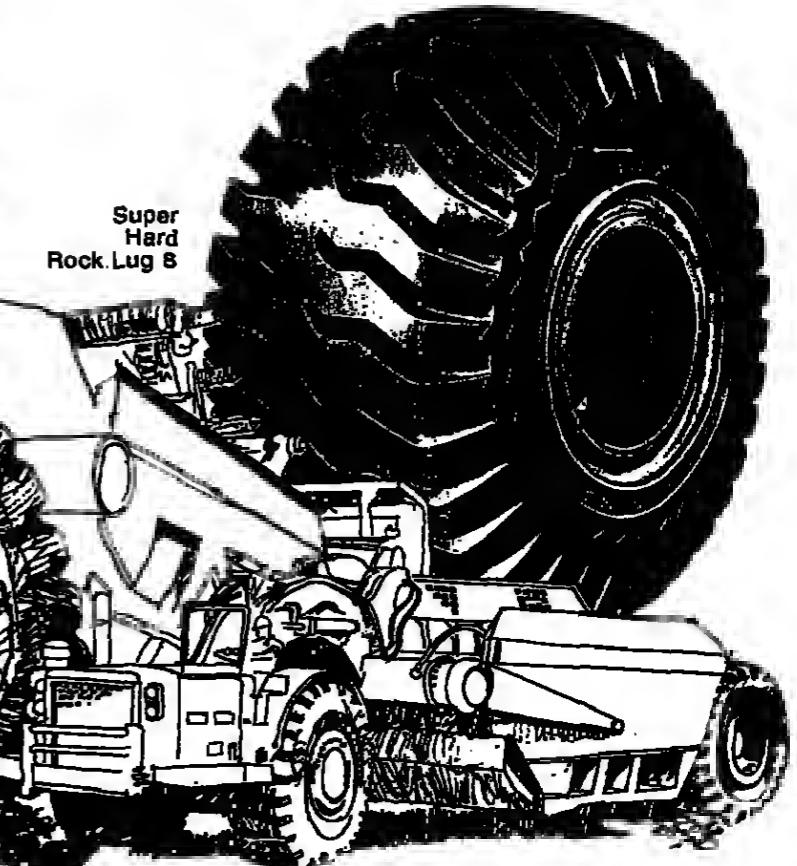
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**Backs joint Arab force in Gulf**

## Hussein sees new bid on Mideast by Reagan

BEIRUT, Nov. 23 (AP) — King Hussein of Jordan says he believes the United States under Ronald Reagan will scrap the "Camp David" formula and devise a new approach to an overall peaceful settlement in the Middle East. The king also said in a newspaper interview published here Saturday that he sees no objection to forming a joint Arab military force to protect Arab oil resources in the Gulf.

"It seems to me a white revolution has occurred in the United States," Hussein said of Reagan's landslide election victory against President Jimmy Carter. "This revolution reflects the American people's will to have a nationalist leadership that serves the national interests of the Americans, in other words a strong leadership."

A longtime close ally of the United States, Hussein has been outspokenly critical of the Camp David accords Egypt and Israel concluded under Carter's auspices in 1978.

"The Camp David accords failed to deal with the crux of the Arab-Israeli conflict," the king told the weekly supplement of the Beirut independent newspaper *An Nahar*. "These accords failed to deal with the Palestinian issue, with the question of occupied Arab territories and the Jerusalem issue."

Hussein said these were the most dangerous issues involved in the Middle East crisis and could have "serious reflections on the region and on the future of the world as a whole."

"Camp David is a mediocre operation," Hussein said. "I don't think that the accords would under any circumstances form a base to build upon, because we need to delve into the heart of the problem, to the Palestinian issue, for the principles and foundations upon which a just and durable peace can be set up."

In a post-election statement, Reagan said

### BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi Saturday conferred with Hojatoleslam Hashmi Rafsanjani, speaker of the Iranian parliament, who is visiting Libya. The Jana news agency of Tripoli reported in a dispatch received here, Rafsanjani arrived in Libya Thursday after visiting Algeria. He is touring North African and Middle Eastern countries to inform them of Iran's position on the conflict with Iraq.

CAIRO, (AP) — Visiting Senegalese President Leopold Senghor met President Anwar Sadat for 80 minutes Saturday to discuss issues pertaining to the Mideast problem and alleged Libyan involvement in Chad's civil war, the newspaper *Al Akhbar* reported.

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, (R) — Wassila Bourguiba, wife of the Tunisian president,

one of his top foreign policy priorities is to meet soon with King Hussein.

"I will be delighted to accept his invitation and visit him after he assumes his monarchical responsibilities," said Hussein. "I will be happy to discuss with him all issues connected with bilateral relations and with American-Arab relations."

Asked if he believes the Camp David formula was coming to an end under Reagan, Hussein said: "I think the chance is there for the new president and his administration to turn a new page in conduct of relations with the Arab world. I hope things will move in this direction."

The Camp David accords promised autonomy to the 1.5 million Palestinians of the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River and the Gaza Strip. Egyptian and Israeli negotiators have bogged down on how to define this autonomy.

Hussein said the future of the Palestinians should be decided by the West Bankers and Gazans together with the two million other Palestinians living in the rest of the world. Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization should be the leading factor in this decision, the king added.

Jordan would accept a federal union with a PLO-led Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza if the Palestinians opted for a federation or confederation, Hussein added.

Hussein said formation of a joint Arab military force to defend Arab oil fields and installations in the Gulf was in the cards for the future, although the idea has not been seriously discussed by the Arab states concerned so far. "Jordan is willing to participate in this force," he added.

Hussein said Jordan was not in a state of war with Iran although he has declared unequivocal support for Iraq against Iran in the post-election statement, Reagan said



King Hussein

two-month-old Gulf conflict.

He said, however, Jordan will join the war actively at Iraq's side if Iraqi President Saddam Hussein requested Jordan's entry. "But Iraq has not made such a request. Iraq is fighting exclusively with its self potential. It has not made it possible for us to join the battle."

### Sadat repeats facilities offer to Europe

CAIRO, Nov. 23 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat, in an interview with Danish television, has reiterated his offer to provide military facilities to Europe should there be a need to "contain" the Iran-Iraq war from spreading, a Cairo magazine said Saturday.

The weekly *October* magazine, said Sadat repeated his offer in an interview to be aired in Denmark on Monday. The facilities, Sadat was quoted to have said, would be similar to those offered to the United States.

"I am ready to give facilities to European countries that wish to contain the Iran-Iraq war. The facilities would be the same as those we have offered the United States," the magazine quoted Sadat as saying.

Sadat first made the offer to Europe in October during the visit here of British politician David Steel. He said at the time that he was doing so was because Europe would suffer more than the United States if there is any disruption of oil supplies as a result of an extended Gulf war.

During the interview with the Danish television, Sadat also said that he would "not be shocked" if the Israeli Knesset passed a bill annexing the Golan Heights, because he said they had done the same thing with the Egyptian Sinai peninsula following the 1967 war.

Israel has withdrawn from 75 per cent of the Sinai and is to leave it altogether by April 1982, as a result of the Camp David peace agreements.

## Egypt arrests 'radical' group at Assyut U

CAIRO, Nov. 23 (AP) — An unspecified number of university students, members of an Islamic fundamentalist organization, have been arrested. Egypt's minister of interior (police) has said. He alleged that the group were bent on "creating violence and carrying out political assassinations."

In a statement to parliament Saturday the minister, Nabawi Ismail, claimed that the group calling itself "the Party of Islamic Liberation," was financed by Arab rejectionist countries opposing Egypt's peace moves with Israel.

He did not specify which of the 17 Arab countries supports the movement. But Egypt has previously accused Libya of instigating trouble in Egypt.

Ismail said the group was arrested in the University of Assyut, 380 kilometers south of Cairo, following bottle and stone-throwing riots and sit-in strikes in which police had to intervene.

The disturbances forced the university to suspend academic activities for one week. Studies resumed Saturday and all is "calm" the minister said.

The same campus, which has a student body enrollment of 20,000 was the scene of bitter and bloody sectarian riots in March this year, in which fundamentalists were pitted against the police and members of the Coptic Christian minority.

But Ismail assured parliament the riots caused no casualties and did not involve the Coptic minority. Coptic religious sources in Assyut and Cairo confirmed Ismail's report. He said prosecutors were investigating the case.

The minister of interior said the disturbances on the campus and in the 3,000 member hostel grounds followed a decision by the university authorities to suspend two undergraduates involved in "campus violence" and the building of a wall around the hostel grounds. The hostel situated near the university is off a main road access to it up till now was totally free.

"The university authorities decided to build the wall in order to safeguard the security of the students, and control entrance into the complex to prevent outside elements from entering to foment trouble," Ismail explained. He said the group of fundamentalists "who have an interest in allowing their sympathizers in, had attacked the construction workers and at one point threw stones and bottles at them."

The group then threw out university officials working in the hostel and cut the telephone wires of the building, to force the university authorities to reconsider the suspension of their colleagues and free a leading member of their organization arrested in September, he claimed.



TALKS: The Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad (right) receives Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat last week. Talks centered on the Arab summit conference due to be held in Amman this week and on developments of the Iraqi-Iranian war.

## Moscow raps U.S. maneuvers

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (AFP) — Soviet television has denounced American military maneuvers in the Egyptian desert. Saying the exercises were taking place under conditions "identical" to those that existed last April during Washington's abortive attempt to rescue the U.S. hostages in Iran.

The maneuvers do "not signify that the Americans are putting the finishing touches on a new attempt to free the hostages, but

that they wish to avoid another shameful failure in case of an intervention in a Middle East country," a television commentator said Saturday.

He said that the desert was being used as a part of U.S. plans to "encircle the oil-producing regions of the Middle East."

The maneuvers, due to end this week, added to the American naval presence and military bases in the Gulf region, he added.

## Sadat to send farewell note to Carter

CAIRO, Nov. 23 (AP) — Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak is to visit Washington next Saturday to convey a "farewell" message from President Anwar Sadat to outgoing U.S. President Jimmy Carter, the Middle East News Agency reported.

In a Washington dateline dispatch quoting what it described as informed American sources, the agency said Saturday that Mubarak's visit is expected to last five days during which he would meet secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Secretary of Defense Harold Brown.

Meanwhile, 200 railwaymen in Sfax — Tunisia's second city, 350 kilometers from

Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali is also expected to go Washington in the second half of next month, the agency added.

It said Ali's visit would take place at a time when U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan would have finished picking up his aides indicating Sadat's eagerness to establish quick contacts with the new American administration.

Sadat developed close friendship with Carter who sponsored the Camp David agreements that produced the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in March last year.

## Strike paralyzes Tunisia rail traffic

TUNIS, Nov. 23 (AFP) — Rail traffic in Tunisia was paralyzed Saturday by a surprise strike touched off here by the railwaymen's union. The main rail station at Tunis, central rail point for the North African country, was closed. Outside, travelers waited in small groups for traffic to resume.

Some of the strikers said the walkout had been called to support demands for more money and to protest against the arrest of a driver whose train hurt a pedestrian in an accident.

Meanwhile, 200 railwaymen in Sfax —

Tunis — continued the wildcat strike they began Thursday over salary claims, the newspaper *La Presse* reported.

There are 2,000 railroad workers at Sfax, but the strikers are key technical personnel and their walkout has stopped trains in the city, the paper said. It added that the Sfax strike had been condemned by the Tunisian Trade Union Federation, and that it could have serious economic repercussions.

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Writing book on Islamic craft

## Silver collection keeps millionaire broke

By Andrew Craig

JEDDAH — In the course of eighteen years of travelling throughout the Islamic world, Dr. Saad El-Jadir has built up a unique collection of Islamic and pre-Islamic Arab silverware. His is probably the finest private collection in the world: it is so comprehensive and of such high quality that the Gulbenkian Foundation, to mark its 21st anniversary in June 1981, is to make it the subject of a major exhibition, which will visit Morocco and other Islamic countries.

Surprisingly little attention has been paid in the past to the craft of silversmithing, which is practised throughout the Arab world and in neighbouring Islamic countries such as Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Those who have studied these works cannot fail to have observed the distinctiveness, variety and often stunning beauty derived from traditions that stretch back in time for hundreds of years and are still alive from India to the Atlantic.

Dr. Jadir, an Iraqi engineer in his late 30s, is now preparing a book on Arab and Islamic Silver. To be entitled *Arab and Islamic Silver*, it will provide a nucleus of reference material on the origins, cultural influences and techniques of the craft. He describes the

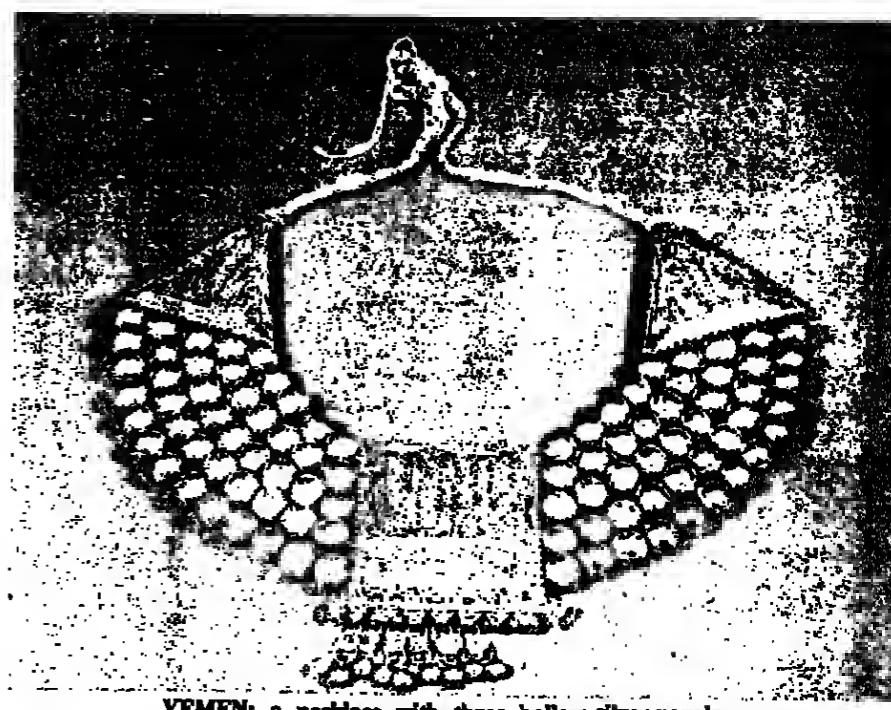
collection in general terms and also in considerable detail, dividing the Islamic world geographically and discussing each vast area by linking the silverwork traditions to the regions where they originated and by explaining the relationship of Islamic silverwork to other art forms which evolved contemporaneously.

The book will include sections on the history of silversmithing, the uses of silver goods, the different types of artefacts, the techniques of the silversmith and the need for modern governments to support the art.

But *Arab and Islamic Silver* will be of interest not only to scholars. The beauty and workmanship of Dr. Jadir's collection will be displayed in 206 color photographs and 140 in black and white. There will also be five full color maps and 20 line drawings.

Dr. Jadir's passion for Arab and Islamic silverware is so strong that it consumes all his time and money: apart from his principles collection he has few possessions and he lives very frugally. But when he looks at the glory of his works of art, he knows he is a far richer man than if his assets were in hard cash.

*Arab and Islamic Silver* will be published by Stacey International of London in the spring of 1981, price approx. £30.



YEMEN: a necklace with three hollow silver panels

OMAN: two talachiq or gunpowder flasks

## New moons found

## Voyager space probe shocks Saturn

By George Alexander

PASADENA, Calif. (LAT) — Scientists at the jet propulsion laboratory here must have felt like prospectors who had just stumbled on Sutters Mill as they panned through the fast-flowing stream of data coming to Earth from the Voyager 1 spacecraft and found a series of scientific nuggets about Saturn and its moons.

Among other things, they discovered that the moon Titan has an atmosphere rich in nitrogen with only traces of the methane that earlier was thought to exist in large quantities. There may even be puddles or pools of liquid nitrogen on the big moon's surface. Thus, Titan in its deep-frozen state could provide scientists with ideas about the Earth's earlier formative stages and acquisition of atmospheric nitrogen, like some sort of planetary mammoth found in a cosmic Siberian glacier.

Some moons, like Mimas, are heavily cratered and probably little changed since their formation around 4 1/2 billion years ago. Others, like Enceladus, are relatively smooth and have been greatly modified through time. And some, like Tethys, seem to be a mix of those two extremes.

— Saturn does in fact possess a sixth ring, one between the previously known innermost ring and the planet itself. The existence of such a faint ring has long been debated and now it is known to be there.

— There is a third strand to the braided ringlets that border one of the planet's outer rings, making it very much like a piece of elaborate sailor's rope work.

Bradford Smith, the University of Arizona

astronomer who is the leader of the Voyager photo interpretation team, said: "I'm just stunned by the spectacular pictures we have received over the past 24 hours. They are extraordinary pictures and in such quantities that it's hardly possible to concentrate on one particular image before becoming distracted by the next."

If that was true for the pictures taken by Voyager 1's electronic cameras, it was equally true for the various measurements made by the unmanned spacecraft's nine other scientific instruments. Two of those instruments, the infrared radiometer-spectrometer and the spacecraft's radio transmitter, were used to explore Titan's atmosphere.

Different elements and compounds radiate infrared energy at specific, characteristic wave lengths, and the infrared device detected the signature of nitrogen, along with trace amounts of methane, propane, ethylene, ethane and acetylene — all different combinations of hydrogen and carbon — along with hydrogen cyanide (a triplet of hydrogen, carbon and nitrogen). The way this yeasty atmospheric mix affected the transmission of Voyager 1's radio signals as the spacecraft passed behind Titan provided scientists with some idea of how thick the atmosphere really is.

The preliminary indications, said Professor Von R. Eshelman of Stanford University and a member of the radio science team, is that Titan has a very thick atmosphere. The gases altered the signals so markedly that the only explanation, he said, could be a comparatively heavy gas like nitrogen. Other instru-

mets tend to corroborate that.

James Pollack, a U.S. space agency planetary scientist and member of the photo interpretation team, said the nitrogen probably came from ammonia in the primordial nebula out of which Saturn and Titan formed billions of years ago. The methane would also have been present in that nebula.

But because the ammonia is more volatile than methane, Pollack said, it would have gassified more readily than the latter compound and filled Titan's atmosphere. Then, exposed to the sun's ultraviolet light, the ammonia would have broken down into its constituent nitrogen and hydrogen atoms with the lightweight hydrogen escaping into space and the heavier nitrogen being left behind.

Over eons, the nitrogen would have come to dominate the moon's atmosphere. Then, because Titan is so far from the sun and because the temperatures there are so low, said Pollack and Rodulf Hanel, another space agency scientist, droplets of liquid nitrogen would have formed in the lower atmosphere.

Those droplets would eventually fall to the surface of Titan where they would form either a thin film of this extremely cold (minus 273 degrees Fahrenheit) liquid or possibly even puddles or pools of the super cold stuff. There would not be enough nitrogen to fill both an atmosphere and a deep surface ocean, Pollack said.

Titan's surface, said Eshelman, would seem "like a murky swamp." The surface also probably has concentrations of the organic compounds formed by the interaction of the organic compounds formed by the

interaction of the sun's ultraviolet rays and the hydrocarbon compounds in its upper atmosphere.

Smith, the University of Arizona astronomer, said that the light-scattering properties of the ring material, as recorded on the spacecraft's cameras, strongly indicate that there are extremely small dust or ice grains present in three of the rings around Saturn — the F, E, and the now-confirmed D rings.

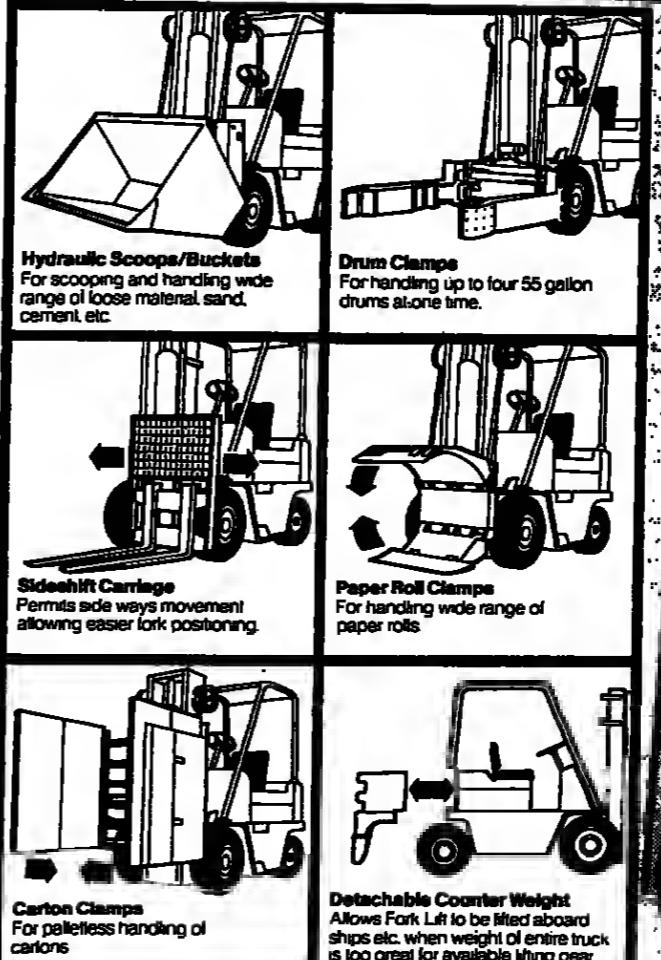
The spokes that have appeared in the B ring and that "have been giving us nightmares," said Smith, also appear to be very fine grain particles. They may be small, in fact, that they might be influenced by the planet's electrical or magnetic fields, said Smith, and elevated ever so slightly out of their rotational plane.

As for the other moons of Saturn, Lawrence Soderblom of the U.S. geological survey and another member of the photo interpretation team, said there appear to be gradations in the properties the moons possess. Mimas, the moon closest to Saturn, is a battered little sphere with "shoulder to shoulder craters" while Enceladus, the next moon out, is smooth.



SATURN: the rings photographed by Voyager 1 at a range of 15.5 million miles. The two newly-discovered moons can be seen, one above the outer ring and the other to the right. The black spots are measuring marks on the camera lens

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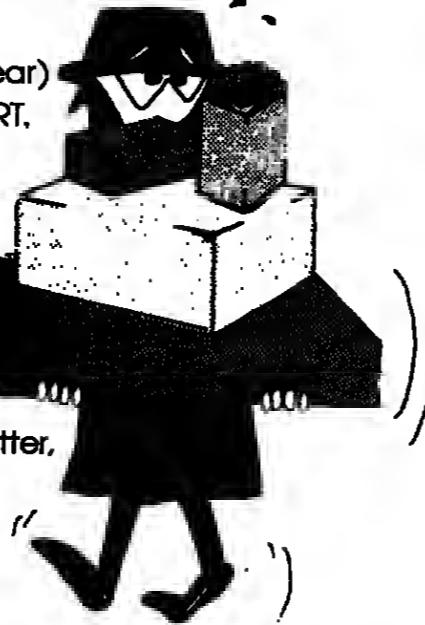
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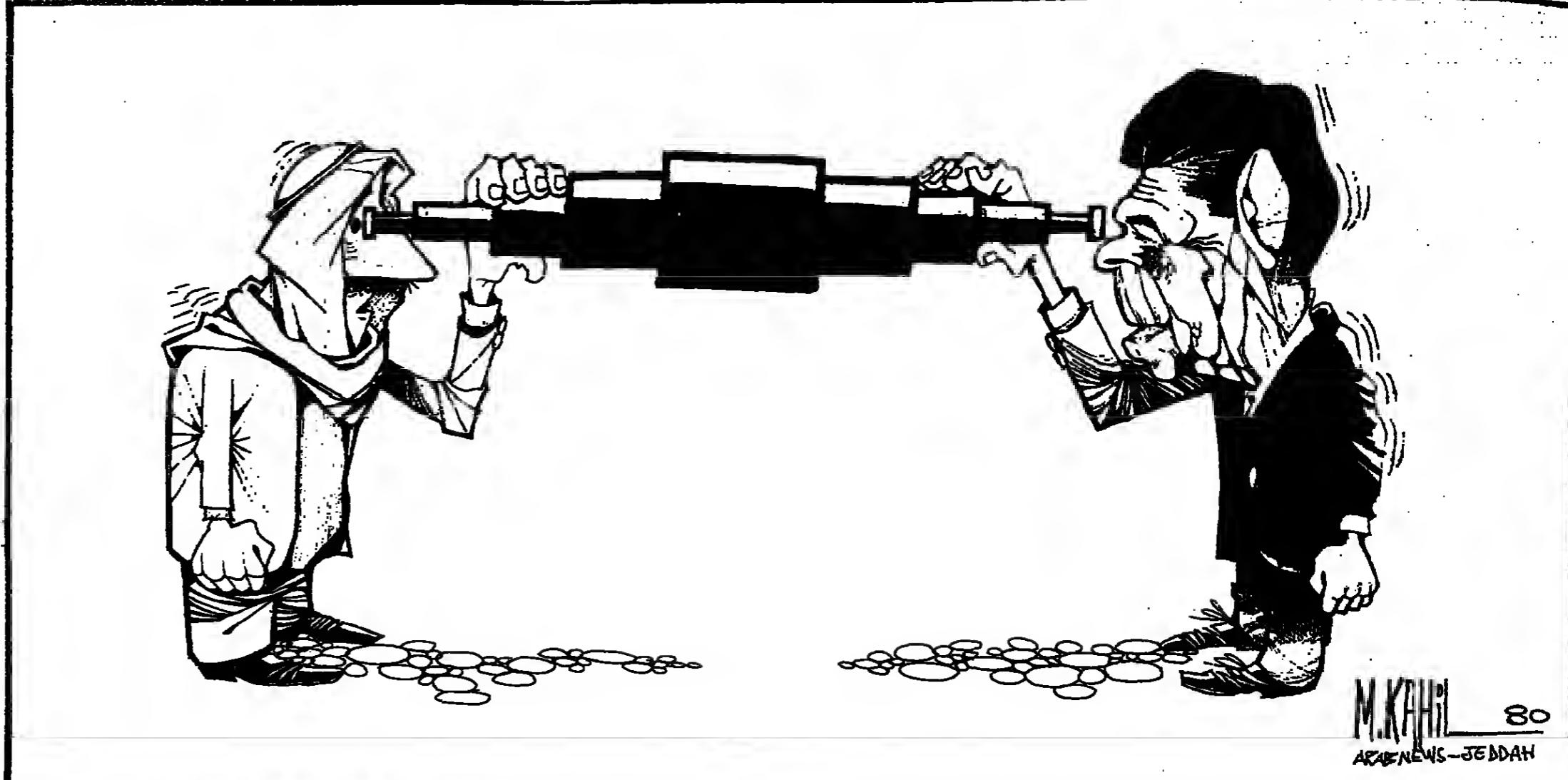
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## Waiting for Reagan

By Lord Caradon

Of all the dangers in the Middle East the danger of delay may be the worst — the danger that procrastination will make eventual renewal of conflict inevitable. The dreadful drift persists.

We were long told that no new move could be expected from the United States government during the presidential election campaign. All three candidates were too busy trying to win votes. And now we are told that we must wait again, some say for as long as six months, before the new United States administration takes over, studies the situation, hears what all concerned have to say, and is eventually prepared to participate in a new search for peace.

Meanwhile the hope was that the new European initiative promised at the Venice Conference in June this year would gather momentum and support. This seemed to be the most hopeful, perhaps the only, way to end the deadlock, and show the way forward in accordance with the principles unanimously accepted by the international community as long ago as 1967 in the Security Council Resolution 242. Hopes rose last June that the European governments would face and tackle the central remaining problem of the future of the Palestinians, and put forward practical proposals which neither side and neither superpower could originate but which all could eventually accept. The freedom of the Palestinians and the security of Israel would be recognized as equally attainable and mutually dependent.

This is still the most hopeful prospect. Indeed no other initiative, no other method of progress toward a comprehensive peace, now seems possible.

But even the European effort seems to be unduly delayed. It may have been considered wise to postpone it until the United States presidential election was over, but it is surely time enough now in concentrate international attention on the new hope, the new plan. The whole situation in the Middle East will be transformed when all concerned can see a way to escape from growing animosities and mounting dangers. It is to be greatly hoped that the European foreign ministers will be neither too timid nor too slow.

While the evil of delay persists the situation on the ground becomes rapidly worse. The present Israeli government presses ahead with its policies of annexation of East Jerusalem and the West Bank and Gaza. The ring of high-rise fortress buildings round Jerusalem bears completion, the construction of scores of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza proceeds apace with widespread acquisition of both Arab land and Arab water, and repressive Israeli action further antagonizes Palestinian opinion and alienates Arabs everywhere.

The international unanimity achieved in 1967 is thus jeopardized and the danger of superpower antagonism on Middle East issues is revived, to everyone's disadvantage.

And it is a serious reflection that the present Israeli government could not pursue its desperately dangerous policies without massive United States support in money and arms. The time has surely come when there should once more be a positive instead of a destructive purpose.

What must that positive purpose be? When Senator Edmund Muskie was appointed as secretary of state in May this year I was impudent enough to send him advice on what a new urgent international initiative for a lasting peace should be.

Now I am glad to repeat the five principles on which the new initiative should be founded. I shall not fail to forward them to the new United States secretary of state as soon as we know who that will be.

Here are the five principles:

One. Delay will not solve anything: on the contrary delay will in the end bring disaster for everyone.

Two. The security of Israel will not be achieved by military domination and intimidation of its neighbors: it will be won by agreement and reconciliation.

Three. The Palestinians will not be content with anything less than their freedom in a homeland of their own: no people would ask for less.

Four. There can be no peace in the Middle East without peace in Jerusalem, and Jerusalem must be united in freedom not divided by domination: Jerusalem can and must be the gateway to peace.

Five. Israel must be secure: the Palestinians must be free: both are attainable but not one without the other.

The president-elect of the United States has always been careful to confirm his support for the principles set out in United Nations Resolution 242. We hope he also brings a fresh mind to the future of the Middle East affairs. His conclusions and his subsequent action may well be decisive. I trust it is not unduly optimistic to hope that he will respect the additional purposes now required and that one day before long we shall see both the United States and the Soviet Union and everyone else voting for another resolution, not to detract from but to supplement the unanimous Resolution 242 of 1967.

It may be wishful thinking but I like to believe that the European initiative will no longer be delayed and that it will provide the comprehensive plan for which we have waited so long.

It should make provision for a new regime for Jerusalem with twin cities one Arab and one Israeli and with no barriers between them and freedom of movement between the two, and freedom of access to all the holy sites for everyone in a demilitarized city — with the holy city becoming not a barrier but a way to peace.

Then the new plan should provide for a period of transition with a two-year United Nations Trusteeship over East Jerusalem and the West Bank and Gaza during which period the Palestinians can exercise true self-determination, elect their leaders, settle their constitution and decide their relations with their neighbors.

Provision should also be made for an international Boundary Commission to adjust the 1967 line to remove anomalies and injustices bearing in mind the principle of "the inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by war."

And finally there should be provision for a peace conference as envisaged after the 1973 war to take place in Geneva under the joint chairmanship of the United States and the Soviet Union.

It is so such constructive proposals that international consideration should now be concentrated. Let us hope that the European initiative will soon give the lead required, and let us also hope that the new president of the United States will not fail to bring to this outstanding world problem a new spirit of understanding and a desire for equal justice — and a sense of urgency. It could be.

## Bolivia expects 190th coup

By Mary Helen Spooner

SANTIAGO —

Bolivia's new military rulers are cracking down on opponents as rumors grow of an impending counter-coup. According to informed diplomatic and opposition sources in La Paz, there are rifts between the army and the air force, between the army's high command and the notorious paramilitary groups dispatched to round up prisoners during the coup, and between military officers: favoring repressive policies and those favoring a freer system.

Three officials have been named as possible leaders in an effort to topple Gen. Luis Garcia Meza; the present interior minister, Col. Luis Arce Gomez; the air force commander and member of the ruling junta, Gen. Bernardo Bernal; and Col. Faustino Rico Toro, who succeeded Arce as chief of Bolivian Army Intelligence.

A number of officials have privately urged that the influential Arce be removed before he becomes a greater danger to the regime. Already he seems to wield at least as much power as Garcia Meza within the government. Sources familiar with Arce's career and actions predict he will not hesitate to attack Garcia Meza himself at the first sign of any danger to his position.

One diplomat said: "A lot of officers are calling for Arce's dismissal, but Garcia Meza is afraid of what he might do."

The regime has attempted to relax traditional rivalry between the air force and army by declaring the three-man junta the supreme authority in Bolivia. That supposedly gives Bernal, and the commander of the land-locked navy, Admiral Ram-

iro Terrazas, the same authority as Garcia Meza.

Outside the junta, Col. Rico Toro is supposedly gaining support among military officers more moderate than those in power. His backers include Gen. Hugo Banzer, who ruled Bolivia from 1971-78, and Col. Mario Vargas, who was sacked as army commander in Cochabamba, Bolivia's third largest city, shortly after the coup. Another officer thought to be aligning himself with this group is Col. Alberto Nutsch, who seized power a year ago for 16 days.

Rico Toro enjoys one advantage that many in the current government do not have: his name has not been mentioned in any of the accusations of drug-trafficking leveled at the Bolivian military.

Garcia Meza's regime has sought to counter criticism by announcing it will free political prisoners detained in the coup, but diplomatic sources in La Paz say they do not expect all political prisoners to be released because the government's estimate of the number of detainees is far less than the number reportedly imprisoned. Opposition sources say they have verified the existence of at least 10 concentration camps, including four in the northern province of Beni.

Officials last month rescinded permission for the Red Cross to visit some of the detainees, and the government has repeatedly refused requests from international human rights groups to tour detention centers.

If Bolivia does undergo another coup — which by most counts would be the 190th in its history — few expect a return to the relative freedoms enjoyed under previous civilian government. "The military are likely to be in power for a long time," one La Paz source said.

## Canada to abandon N- arms

By Ian Mather

OTTAWA —

Canada is giving up nuclear weapons while remaining a loyal member of NATO. Between October 1982 and October 1984, its 44 nuclear-armed "Voodoo" aircraft, which patrol the country's arctic perimeter with their powerful radars to intercept approaching bombers, will be phased out.

The "Voodoos" — McDonnell Douglas F-101s — were built in the late 1950s, and their technology is becoming outdated. They carry American-made nuclear warheads on "Genie" rockets. The two countries operate a dual-key system of control over the warheads.

Canada has just signed a contract to replace the aircraft with McDonnell Douglas F-18 fighters, which will be designed to carry nuclear weapons.

"The Canadian government has been a strong advocate of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear safeguards," says Tom Hammond, director of the Defense Relations Directorate of Canada's External Affairs Ministry. "So this is a self-denying ordinance. But we are also giving up nuclear weapons because you don't need them for air-to-air combat with modern missiles. To some extent the decision is the result of a technological revolution."

In 1969 Canada withdrew all its nuclear weapons

from Europe. That decision, like the subsequent one not to arm the new F-18s with nuclear weapons, was taken by the Liberal government of Pierre Trudeau with little protest from the Conservative opposition.

However, Canada has not entirely opted out of nuclear confrontation. As a member of NATO it is committed to the doctrine of "flexible response" in Europe, which means that NATO is prepared to resort to nuclear weapons in certain circumstances. Canada also supported NATO's decision last December to site cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe.

It also remains a joint partner in the North American Air Defense System (NORAD). This is an early warning system and Canada has a string of radar stations linked to NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs. They are designed to detect missiles fired over the North Pole from the Soviet Union and are presumably targeted by Soviet nuclear planners.

Canada is also increasing its surveillance of Russian submarine movements in the far north.

Canadian ministers are concerned at "misconceptions" that Canada is gradually opting out of NATO. They point that since 1975 Canada has been one of the few members to increase its financial contribution to NATO by 3 per cent a year in real terms, as all NATO members have promised to do. — (OFNS)

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

For the second day, all newspapers led with King Khaled's arrival and tour of the Eastern Province. The King's visit states the extent of his attention to the development projects which reflect the prosperity of the citizens and gives the country's progress a strong push forward.

The paper also said King Khaled's meeting with the public expresses the actual efforts of the government to provide all means of prosperity and civilization. The newspapers also gave prominence to King Khaled's meeting with the Ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al Khalifa, who arrived in Dharan Saturday.

The papers prominently displayed the Arab Foreign Ministers conference that ended in Amman Saturday and decided that the 11th Arab Summit meeting will be held on schedule Tuesday. The papers confirmed Syria's boycotting of the summit meeting, while the Palestine Liberation Organization is still undecided. Al Riyad said on the subject that Syria and South Yemen are boycotting the summit.

Meanwhile, Al Bilad gave prominence to a statement by Prince Sultan, defense and aviation minister, in which he said that discussion of a collective Arab military strategy will be delayed. Prince Sultan was optimistic about the success of the summit meeting and the achievement of Arab solidarity. The paper also quoted Interior Minister Prince Nafis in an interview as saying that the dedication of King Abdul Aziz Naval Base in Jubail by

King Khaled represents an important turning point for providing defense installations and protecting the country.

Okaz highlighted King Hussain's declaration that the election of Ronald Reagan as the next president of the United States is a complete change in the public opinion. This change is a revolution that reflects the American people's desire to see a strong leadership that serves the national interests of Americans.

Al Riyad said of the summit that the conference will discuss establishing an Arab justice court that would handle Arab problems. It also quoted Prince Naif as saying that the Kingdom would not spare any effort for achieving Arab solidarity and hoped that some Arab countries would revise their policies.

Al Madina carried Foreign Minister Prince Saud's denial that Saudi Arabia had stopped aid to Syria, or had threatened to halt the aid if Syria refuses to attend the Amman Summit Meeting.

Meanwhile, the newspapers' editorials covered the Foreign Ministers' Conference, and King Khaled's visit to the Eastern Province. Al Bilad noted that the determination to finish challenges facing the Arabs gave the foreign ministers' conference in Amman the green light to plan a collective Arab strategy. It said that the world is closely following what will happen Tuesday when Arab kings and heads of states and government will put the collective strategy into motion.

The paper added that summit comes to reveal the Arab force reaction to the challenges at a time when the superpowers are struggling for control over the world's countries and push these countries to greater dangers. But the consciousness of Arab leaders aborted these attempts and brought the Arab summit to the path which will achieve the supreme Arab objectives.

Al Riyad commented on the same subject saying that the foreign ministers' conference saved the Summit Meeting and confirmed that it will be held on schedule ending one of the most critical periods in the Arab relations history. This summit although not the first it seems the most important, the paper went on, because it will firmly decide certain issues that the previous summit hesitated to.

Al Youm referred to the popular and warm welcome extended to King Khaled during his arrival in the Eastern Province and said that it is natural for a leader who filled the hearts with love and brought a smile to the lips with his abiding by the Islamic law in all his actions.

King Khaled's visit reflects the government's attention given to the projects that measure the citizens' prosperity and the progress of the development process in the country. Okaz said commenting on the same subject. The state's keen interest in projects related to food, economy and social security presents an ideal picture of a society distinguished by cooperation, it added.



Soldier to Menahem Begin:

"Don't you worry. We are your students, and have studied terrorism very well."

Al Bilad

# Soviets manage to avoid embargo

BRUSSELS, Nov. 23 (AP) — The Soviet Union has managed to get round the partial embargo by the European community on agricultural exports to the USSR in retaliation for the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. Soviet grain imports alone from the community in the first six months of this year are more than three times greater than for the whole of last year, but now there are signs of the community clamping down again.

In January the community agreed not to sell more than their average for the past three years to the Soviet Union and not to make good grain exports held back by the United States.

But this year the Soviet Union has managed to buy 130,000 tons of community butter against a normal level of 80,000 tons. This was because small packets of butter were not monitored between January and May with the result that 243,000 tons slipped through the controls.

Requests to export 100,000 tons of butter and 75,000 tons of butter oil in 1981 have already been made to the commission which Wednesday decided to suspend butter export

subsidies until Nov. 27.

Meanwhile, Soviet Unico bought 520,000 tons of treated cattle feed comprising between five and 55 per cent grain from West Germany in October. The commission has now suspended export subsidies for treated grain bound for the Soviet Union.

In 1979 the community sold the Soviet Union 100,000 tons of beef and in the first six months of this year it supplied 93,000 tons. Grain exports rose from 247,080 tons to 842,000 most of which was barley. Poultry exports were 78,000 tons last year and 31,000 in the first six months of this year, while sugar rose from 222,000 tons to 380,000.

Several community countries, and particularly France, want to resume farm sales to the Soviet Union, noting that the grain embargo was not enforced.

In addition, Argentina has not applied the limit on grain export to the USSR and Canada recently announced it was suspending the embargo. Even the United States sold 15.4 million tons of grain to the Soviet Union in 1979-80.

## U.S. urged to limit Japanese car imports

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 — Influential members of the House and the Senate joined with spokesmen for the ailing U.S. automobile industry this month to urge prompt approval of legislation empowering the president to negotiate auto import restraints with Japan.

At a hearing by the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on trade Sen. Howard W. Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, said that he feared that Japanese auto makers would step up their sales in the United States in the wake of last week's vote by the U.S. International Trade Commission rejecting quotas on Japanese imports.

Metzenbaum said that if Congress failed to adopt legislation authorizing the president to negotiate import restrictions, he would introduce a bill to reduce Japanese auto and light truck imports by 30 percent next year, 20 per cent in 1982 and 10 per cent in 1983.

Rep. Charles A. Vanik, D-Ohio, the subcommittee chairman, said during a recess that he could not predict whether the bill would win the panel's approval, but that he expected action on it within a day or so. Douglas A. Fraser, president of the United Auto Workers, said that an orderly marketing agreement resulting from negotiations by the president would be the preferred solution to the auto industry's problems. "Any further increase in the imports' share will only make an intolerable situation even worse," Fraser said, citing figures showing that the Japanese' share of the U.S. auto market was 21 per cent during the first 10 months of 1980 — up from 16 per cent during the same period in 1978.

## BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AP) — The president of West Germany's Central Bank, Earl Otto-Poehl, held talks here last week with Kuwaiti bankers and financiers. He met with the director of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development Abdulfattah Hamad and the governor of the Kuwait Central Bank, Hamza Abbas, but the exact nature of the talks has not been officially revealed.

PARIS, (AP) — The United States wants the International Energy Agency (IEA) to lay down oil import ceilings for its members next year, as it did for this year, but West Germany, Japan and some others are averse to this, IEA sources said Sunday.

LONDON, (AP) — The London stock exchange rallied Saturday from its two-day decline amid wide-spread speculation that the government will cut interest rates next week.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — South Africa is openly bracing for economic sanctions but warns that others will suffer too. The sanctions threat came out into the open this week after Foreign Minister R.F. "Pik" Botha returned from Europe, where he discussed stalled negotiations over independence for South-West Africa, the disputed territory that South Africa has ruled for the last 65 years.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrain Dinar	—	8.85	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	107.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
Deutsche Mark (1,000)	173.00	176.00	183.60
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	159.00	—	160.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	89.00	90.60
French Franc (100)	74.00	76.00	74.95
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	7.50	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.80
Indonesian Ryal (100)	—	—	9.50
Iraq Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	37.00	36.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.80
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.06	11.02
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	—	12.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	92.50	92.70
Moroccan Dirham (100)	83.00	81.70	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.84	8.00	7.78
Omani Ryal (100)	—	91.25	91.50
Singapore Dollar	—	1.58	—
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	44.50	45.75
Swiss Franc (100)	192.00	194.00	192.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	44.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.32	3.33	3.325
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	73.15	72.95
Gold kg.	68,300.00	—	—
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## UAE revalues currency against dollar

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates, Nov. 23 (R) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) has announced that it had revalued its currency against the U.S. dollar. The UAE currency board said Saturday its exchange rate was raised to 3.6710 dirhams to one dollar from the previous rate of 3.6680.

Commercial bankers said the timing of the revaluation was surprising, because the dollar has been relatively strong on the foreign currency markets. But currency board sources said the move was part of the board's general policy of strengthening the dirham against the dollar. It was previously revalued in July.

They added the revaluation was also designed to offset the interest rate gains of UAE investors who converted their dirhams into dollars, which yield three to four per cent more than dirhams at present. When UAE depositors convert their dollars and interest back into dirhams, they get less local currency because of the revaluation.

The UAE currency board last week took other measures to encourage depositors to keep their money in dirhams. It cut the size of deposits at commercial banks subject to interest rate ceilings to five million dirhams from 10 million.

The ceiling itself was also raised by one point, giving depositors who put their money on deposit for seven days up to two months 6½ per cent and those for over one year 10½ per cent.

All Gulf countries have faced problems in their banking systems because money has flowed out in search of the much higher interest rates at present available on Eurodollar deposits.

### Overseas Containers purchases 2 vessels

Overseas Containers Limited has signed letters of intent with Thyssen Nordseewerke GmbH of Emden, West Germany, for the construction of two new 1500 teu container ships.

Due for delivery in the second half of 1982, the vessels are being purchased to meet future demand for additional tonnage in Oce's trades. Contracts for the new buildings are expected to be signed at the

## U.S. economy to slump back into recession

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (R) — An increasing number of forecasters are predicting the U.S. economy, after a brief flirtation with recovery, will slump back into recession in the very near future. "It won't be anything like the severe dip we had last spring, but it's going to be a dip nonetheless," said Lawrence Chimerine, chief economist for the consulting firm of Chase Econometrics in Philadelphia.

The pessimists believe the second downturn will come in the first quarter of 1981, just about the time Ronald Reagan takes over as president. There are a number of reasons for the gloomy forecast by these economists. First and foremost is inflation, which has manifested itself in spiralling food costs and rocketing interest rates.

Otto Eckstein, president of Data Resources, Inc., recently said there was no conceivable way the U.S. recovery only a few months old, could be sustained if the prime rate — the interest rate commercial banks charge their best customers — remained at 15.5 per cent.

In the short time that has elapsed since Eckstein made that comment, the prime rate has risen to 16.25 per cent. There are predictions it will soar even higher.

The recent surge in interest rates has had a devastating impact on more than just the corporate community. The car and housing industries, hardest hit by last spring recession, have not fully recovered and remain vulnerable to recent jumps in mortgage loan rates.

Government reports have not shown that consumer buying, after a largely unanticipated spurt in the late summer and early fall, is beginning to cool in the face of higher prices.

These bleak developments have spawned renewed talk among economists of a situation

### Forecasters predict

in which an economy collapses, rights itself temporarily and then either staggers again or wobbles along in unsatisfactory condition.

The problem, many economists believe, is that the recession last spring did little to bring inflation out of the economy.

They contend that the Federal Reserve Board, the nation's Central Bank, caused the economy to collapse too rapidly into recession when it imposed tough credit controls at

the urging of president Carter.

When the controls were dismantled in the summer, consumer spending suddenly surged, leaving a false impression that a sustainable recovery was underway, according to this school of economic thought.

"What passed for a recovery," Chimerine said, "was really a snapback from the lifetime of the credit controls and a lot of heavy government spending right before the election."

### Oil thefts

## 51 arrested in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Nov. 23 (R) — Police have arrested 51 people in a continuing probe into the theft of some \$12 million worth of oil from tankers and installations of the state-owned Pertamina Oil Company, informed sources said.

The Indonesian Observer newspaper said Saturday 36 of those being questioned were employees of the company suspected of involvement in a crime syndicate re-selling stolen oil in Singapore and elsewhere.

Last week, Piet Haryono, head of Pertamina, told reporters it was believed at least eight tankers were involved in the racket between January and August this year.

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# Italian technicians held for espionage

ROME, Nov. 23 (AP) — Italian police have arrested nine electronics technicians in charges of espionage.

The nine men, all employees of the Rome-based Selenia electronics and radar manufacturing firm, were caught by Italian secret service agents as they were preparing to sell blueprints of a new type of radar. It was not immediately known to whom the plans were to have been sold.

The investigation leading to the arrest of the nine was opened two weeks ago by Italian Sismi (military counter-espionage) operatives when the Selenia technicians made contact with a naval officer, the supposed go-

## Mae West dies; longtime actress

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 23 (AP) — Hollywood star Mae West — who gained fame in Vaudeville, plays and films in the 1920s and 30s — died Saturday at her apartment here at the age of 87.

She died three weeks after leaving a hospital where she had spent three months recuperating from a mild stroke that left her speech impaired.

After a 27-year hiatus from filmmaking, she returned in the big screen twice in the 1970s. *Myra Breckinridge* in 1970 was her first picture since 1943, and in 1971 she played to another film.

But for the most part, she was rarely seen in public in recent years. She lived in palatial splendor near Beverly Hills — almost a recluse — an enormous wealth resulting from shrewd real estate investments and top salaries in her years as a star.

The Mae West style left its mark. In 1940, Royal Air Force pilots nicknamed their inflatable life jackets Mae West. The name persists. Decades of Hollywood starlets copied her.

## Irish back strikers

BALTIMORE, Nov. 23 (AP) — About 20,000 people took to the streets here Saturday in support of seven hunger-striking Irish Republican Army (IRA) prisoners in Belfast's Maze jail.

The IRA prisoners will enter their fifth week of the strike Monday in attempts to obtain status as political prisoners. The Irish parliament, the Dail, passed a bill last week calling for Prime Minister Charles Haughey to put pressure on the British government to award political prisoner status to the seven.

Demonstrators burned a British flag, but otherwise the protest was peaceful.

between who was to offer their radar blueprints to any interested foreign nation.

The officer, Lt. Cdr. Giorgio Balestieri, pretended to accept and informed Selenia security and the secret service of the scheme. He then set a date to meet the technicians at a Rome hotel room, telling them to bring the blueprints and the names of their partners. When the nine showed up to clinch the deal, they were arrested.

The new radar system which the technicians had hoped to sell is currently in production at the Selenia factory. Negotiations for selling the patent in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United States are now underway.

Upon searching the homes of the nine technicians, police uncovered portfolios filled with photocopies and sketches of other Selenia equipment. The nine face prison terms ranging from 15 years to life.

The Selenia company, a member of the state institute for industrial reconstruction, is the largest military electronics firm in Italy, with a turnover of \$137 million last year and a staff of 6,200.

Selenia manufactures various types of electronic equipment, radar, missiles, interception and jamming systems, underwater detection systems and parts for satellites.

The firm, which exports products to a dozen countries, has its main factories near Rome and Naples.

## Trainmen under arrest in Italian investigation

VIBO VALENTIA, Italy, Nov. 23 (AP) — Police arrested two train engineers and two stationmasters Saturday on charges of multiple manslaughter in a bizarre train collision near this southern Italian town that claimed at least 28 lives.

By nightfall, rescue workers had pulled out 24 bodies from the wreckage but a police spokesman said that four other bodies could be seen inside one of the passenger coaches. Searchers were using blow torches and crowbars in an effort to reach the bodies.

More than 110 persons were injured when two high-speed trains on Friday slammed into a string of boxcars that had uncoupled from a passing freight. Investigators said the 28 boxcars stood on the tracks for 20 minutes.

After a preliminary investigation, police arrested two engineers of the freight train and the stationmasters of the two stations the freight passed after losing 28 of its 41 boxcars. An investigation commission had questioned them to determine how the cars got uncoupled and why the stationmasters failed to check on the number of boxcars when the train passed.



President Kennedy

## Controversy on Kennedy still rages

DALLAS, Texas, Nov. 23 (AP) — The 17th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy was marked quiet Saturday, but the controversy about who shot the president still rages.

A memorial service Friday at the site of the Nov. 22, 1963, slaying attracted only 25 people, including 11 high school choir members who were to sing hymns.

The controversy surrounding the Kennedy assassination continues, erupting most recently in a courtroom battle over opening the grave of accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald. British author Michael Eddowes tried to have the body dug up to prove his contention that a Soviet impostor — not Oswald — actually shot the president and was himself killed two days later by Dallas night-club owner Jack Ruby.

In the summer, Eddowes obtained permission for opening the grave from Oswald's widow, Marina Oswald Porter, but Oswald's brother went to court and successfully blocked the attempt.

County Democratic Party Chairman David Carlock said he has eroded interest in the Kennedy legend and in the memorial service.

"Attendance has been going down each year. You've got a whole new generation, and maybe being democratic, progressive and liberal isn't in vogue days," said Carlock.

Waning interest was also noticed by Muriel Storrie, who works at the Kennedy birthplace in Brookline, Massachusetts. Tourist traffic at the narrow, three-story house has tapered nearly 50 percent in a decade. "We get more foreign visitors now than Americans," says Mrs. Storrie, who works for the National Park Service, which manages the home.

The anniversary of Kennedy's election as president — 20 years ago this month — and his assassination have sparked little unusual activity at 83 Beals St., a virtually unmarked monument.

## Executives arrested in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 23 (R) — Leading businessmen have been arrested for plotting to overthrow Nicaragua's left-wing government, police said.

The vice-president of the country's chamber of industry, Leonidas Somarriba, appeared at a police press conference to confess his role in the plot. He said his fellow conspirators included Jorge Salazar, vice-president of another influential group, the private sector council, who was killed two weeks ago in a clash with police.

Police said Salazar was shot resisting arrest after police intercepted a van in which he was carrying six M-16 military rifles.

Nicaragua is ruled by the Sandinists, the left-wing guerrillas who drove the late Anastasio Somoza from power last year after a bloody civil war. But until this month businessmen were represented on the council of state, a legislative and consultative forum, by 10 delegates of the private sector council.

The 10 private sector representatives resigned from the council of state recently touching off a political crisis.

## Tourists protest

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP) — About fifty tourists of various nationalities have been camping in London's Gatwick Airport for the past week in hopes of obtaining standby tickets for Hong Kong under a cheap formula set up three months ago by British Caledonian Airlines.

The passengers, from France, Canada, Denmark and Switzerland as well as Britain, organized a demonstration to explain their situation in users of Gatwick Airport. After obtaining the authorization of airport officials, the group manifested its complaints over what it called "false advertising" by British Caledonian about the Hong Kong standby flight.

A spokesman for the airline acknowledged that prospects were dim for finding a seat on one of the DC-10s operating on the Hong Kong route. They explained that the flight were sold out through November.

## Old xylophone found

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (AP) — Soviet archaeologists have recreated stone age music after discovering six 20,000-year-old musical instruments, including a primitive xylophone made out of mammoth's bones, the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* said.

The quality of the mammoth's bones had kept the instruments in a superb state of conservation, the paper said. Specialists formed a veritable "orchestra" and make a record of music from a bygone age, it said.

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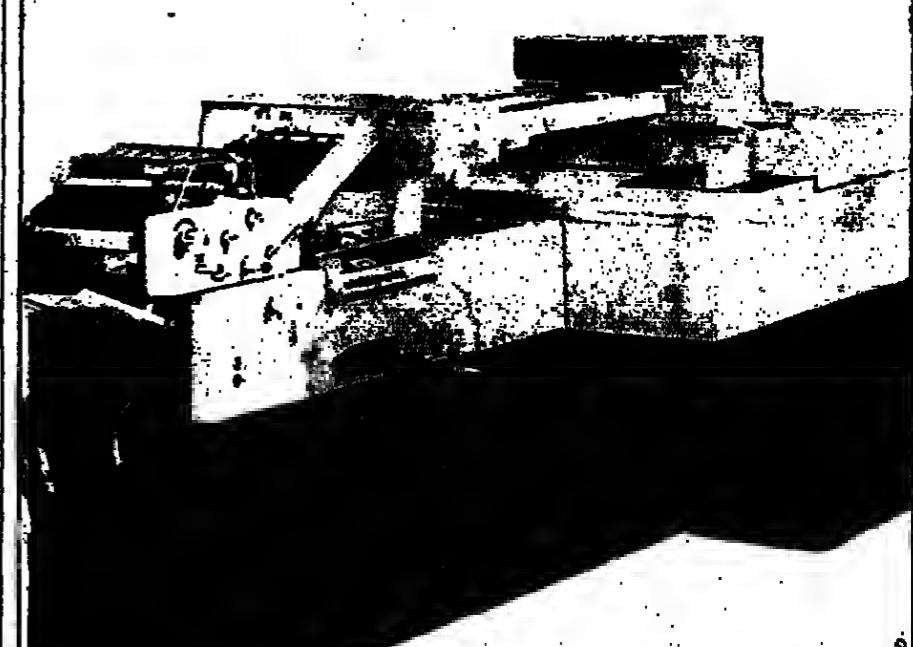
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## Cactus thieves escape patrols in Arizona park

PHOENIX, Arizona, Nov. 23 (AP) — Thieves are systematically stealing rare plants and animals in one of the world's largest "cactus gardens," the 516-square-mile Organ Pipe National Monument.

The park, named for a kind of cactus rare in the United States, is situated in a searingly

hot section of southwestern Arizona adjacent to the Mexican border. Despite the inhospitable climate, the area is the home of 31 species of cactus and 225 kinds of birds. Rare cactuses and reptiles are the main target of thieves.

The organ pipe is among the cactuses prized by poachers. Others are the saguaro, prickly pear, chain fruit or agave.

"The main problem is that we don't have enough manpower patrol Organ Pipe," said Franklin Wallace, superintendent of the park. "We have three rangers to cover the 526 square miles of terrain, some of which is quite rugged. We are restricted as to how much gasoline we can use each month, as well as the number of vehicles we can have."

Wallace also cited the isolation of much of the preserve. "There is no aerial surveillance," he noted. "Seventy-five per cent of Organ Pipe is wilderness area where no vehicles are permitted. We patrol on horseback."

Officials said reptiles are a favorite of poachers. There is a ready market for coral snakes, rattlesnakes, sidewinders and gila monsters, according to the officials.

Even when poachers are caught, there is little that can be done, Wallace said. He cited a recent case.

"The ranger discovered numerous cages, behind a tent, that were filled with snakes," Wallace said. "Obviously this was someone who was selling to dealers."

He said that when the reptile hunters came back to their camp they were confronted. One was a juvenile who could not be penalized. The other was cited.

The reports carried by the Turkish semi-official news agency Anatolia, said the finds were a result of two years of excavations in the district of Bozov and that further excavations will be made next summer.

The discoveries were made in an area slated for government expansion for the construction of a dam across the Euphrates River. Reports said the region was a major transit point from the Mesopotamia area to Asia Minor en route to Europe.

Initial research indicated that the area was settled around 5th Century B.C. and recent excavations pointed out to the existence of a large settlement presumed to belong to the Assyrian civilization the reports said.

## Unpaid television gadfly wakes up Ivorian bureaucracy

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast Nov. 23 (AP) —

Leonard Groguhuet did not set out to be a gadfly in hipboots wading through the mud in Abobogane market or poking around the smelly municipal slaughterhouse. He meant to be a serious actor but has become a thorn to the bureaucracy of the Ivory Coast instead.

The 15-minute television program aired every Saturday evening in this west African nation has lit fires under sluggish bureaucrats and often results in action — or at least a high-level telephone call — by Monday afternoon.

The 42-year-old Groguhuet, who spent several years studying dramatic arts in France, does not play the role of aggressive reporter thrusting his microphone into the faces of embarrassed officials.

Instead, he is a griot, or story teller, and animator of a troupe of players who turn out improvised films dealing with life, love and politics in what expatriate Frenchmen like to

call "the Africa that works."

The program is called *Comment Ca Va?* or *What's Happening?* in local, colloquial French. Groguhuet and his crew — a camera and soundman, an editor and anywhere from three to a dozen actors — create comic vignettes once a week to illustrate aspects of life that bear examination — like the muddy marketplace.

"We had to go in with boots on to work in that place," Groguhuet said in a recent interview. "You can imagine what it was like for the women who sell there and the customers." Within a week after the program was shown, authorities in this capital of 1.5 million had begun to clean up the market.

The Ivory Coast, a prosperous former French colony of 8 million, has had state-operated television since 1963 and a color system since 1973 that broadcasts 40 hours a week in French to most of the country. The daily fare consists of American and French series, films and occasional local dramatic or

entertainment shows. There are two daily news magazines.

This is a single-party state whose president since independence 20 years ago, 75-year-old Felix Houphouet Boigny, was just re-elected to a fifth term with 99.98 per cent of the vote. There is little overt sign of political dissidence or criticism of government actions.

The official newspaper, *Fraternite Matin*, generally praises the government, and its public service reporting tends to be pedantic. Groguhuet prefers comedy to lectures. Often disguised but always recognizable, he steps in and out of the action, raising deceptively simple points, punctuated with dramatic "Ahas".

Subjects have ranged from what is widely perceived here to be foot-dragging on the part of foreign firms to move Ivorians into middle management positions, to pampered wives who step out on their hard-working husbands, to how to judge candidates in the

country's first legislative and municipal elections open to all comers.

Groguhuet says he is not interested in Mercedes automobiles, or villas or fancy clothes. He will never openly criticize "Le Vieux" — "The Old Man," as the president is known — but chides him gently from time to time.

Although *Comment Ca Va?* has been a staple of Ivorian television for over a decade, the most often recognized man in the country — after "Le Vieux" — has no operating budget or office.

Groguhuet receives the equivalent of \$140 to produce each segment. All the actors are volunteers. He is hoping to have a budget next year, but in the meantime, he and the crew keep body and soul together doing odd jobs and commercials.

"Commercials destroy actor in the end," he sighed, "but until we get some support here for serious theater, how else are we going to feed our kids?"



BAO BAO : "Bao Bao," a Chinese panda, sits on a swing in his cage at the West Berlin Zoo. The animal was presented to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt by Chairman Hua Guofeng.

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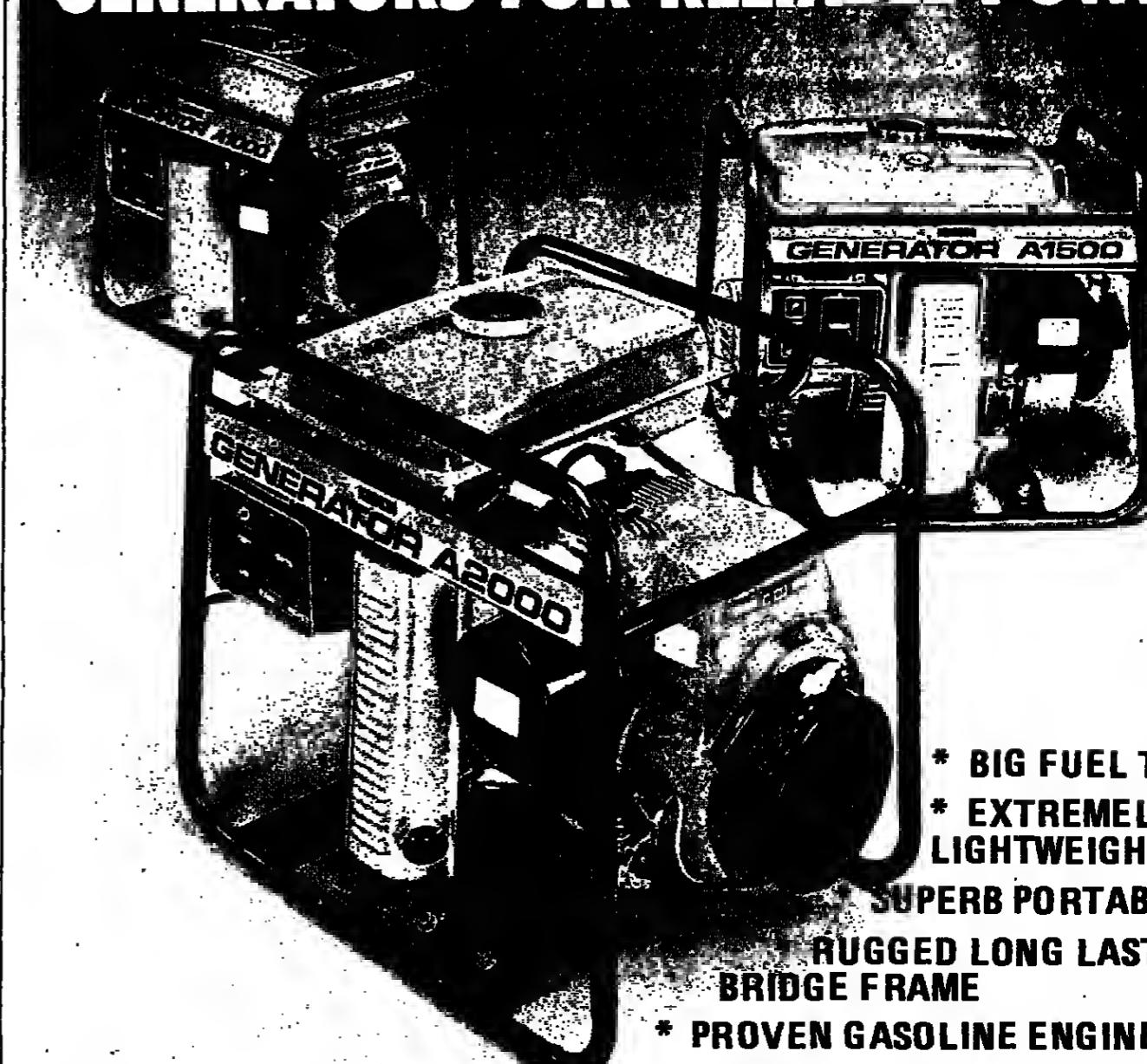
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Sooners nip Huskers; UCLA bumps USC

## Michigan tops Ohio State for Rose Bowl trip

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (AP) — Michigan beat Ohio State 9-3 to win the Big Ten title and a Rose Bowl berth and Oklahoma defeated Nebraska 21-17 to move one step closer to an Orange Bowl on a Saturday filled with traditional rivalries.

In two other major games, second-ranked and Sugar Bowl-bound Notre Dame whipped Air Force 24-10 and No. 18 UCLA edged No. 12 Southern Cal 20-19 in a game between teams that are ineligible for bowl games because of Pac-10 conference sanctions.

Meanwhile, No. 11 Baylor blanked No. 20 Texas 16-0, No. 13 Brigham Young overwhelmed Utah 56-6, Clemson surprised No. 14 South Carolina 27-6, No. 15 North Carolina beat Duke 44-21, No. 16 Washington defeated Washington State 30-23 and No. 17 Mississippi State defeated Mississippi 19-14.

John Wangler's 13-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Carter in the third quarter gave

10th-ranked Michigan the victory over No. 5 Ohio State. The Wolverines, who have won eight in a row after a 1-2 start, will face Pacific-10 champion Washington at Pasadena, while the Buckeyes will take on Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl.

The staunch Michigan defense limited Ohio State passing star Art Schlichter to 130 yards on just eight completions in 26 attempts, and held rushing leader Cal Murray to 38 yards on 14 carries.

Oklahoma freshman Buster Rhymes ran one yard for a touchdown with 56 seconds remaining to lift the ninth-ranked Sooners to a dramatic victory over fourth-ranked Nebraska. That gave Oklahoma at least a share of the Big Eight championship, but the Sooners must beat Oklahoma State next Saturday in order to gain a spot in the Orange Bowl against Florida State.

If Oklahoma loses that game, Nebraska would go to the Orange Bowl, but an

Oklahoma win would send the Cornhuskers to the Sun Bowl against Mississippi State.

Rhymes' touchdown capped an 80-yard drive that began after Nebraska took a 17-14 lead with 3:16 to play on quarterback Jeff Quinn's touchdown plunge from within the one. Rhymes set up the winning touchdown with a 43-yard run to the Nebraska 14 five plays earlier.

Reserve quarterback Jay Schroeder hooked up with tailback Freeman McNeil on a 58-yard touchdown pass play with 2:07 remaining to give UCLA the victory over crosstown rival Southern Cal. The pass was deflected off the hands of Southern Cal defensive back Jeff Fisher at nearly the 40 and into the grasp of McNeil.

Phil Carter's 2-yard touchdown run capped a 76-yard drive to snap a 3-3 halftime tie and lead Notre Dame past the stubborn Air Force. Carter finished with 181 yards on 29 carries for the Irish, who will take on top-

ranked Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

Fullback Dennis Gentry rambled 64 and 16 yards for touchdowns and Baylor's ball-hawking defense made them stand up for the triumph over Texas. Gentry gained 120 yards and Walter Abercrombie picked up 109 for Baylor, which will meet Alabama in the Cotton Bowl while Texas will face North Carolina in the Bluebonnet Bowl.

Jim McMahon passed for three touchdowns and ran for another as Brigham Young overpowered Utah to gain its fifth straight Western Athletic Conference title and a berth in the Holiday Bowl against Southern Methodist.

Safety Willie Underwood ran an intercepted pass back 37 yards for a touchdown and Obed Ariki kicked field goals of 41 yards to lead Clemson over South Carolina.

North Carolina tailback Amos Lawrence and Kelvin Bryant ran for two touchdowns apiece as the Tar Heels pounded Duke to win the Atlantic Coast Conference title.

Navratilova tied the score 2-2 after breaking Austin's service in the third game and went ahead 4-3 when she broke the American in the seventh game. Then, Navratilova won the tenth game and the set after two deuce games on a passing shot.

In the second set, Navratilova led 2-1 after she broke Austin in the third game. But Navratilova lost her serve in the fourth game to make it 2-2. Austin again lost her serve in the fifth.

Navratilova broke Austin for the third time in the ninth game with a backhand drop shot when she was leading 40-15.

## Teacher shocks Lendl in Bangkok

BANGKOK, Nov. 23 (AP) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia suffered a surprise defeat to third-seed Brian Teacher of the United States 6-3, 6-1 in a semifinal match of the Bangkok Tennis Classic Saturday.

In a match marred by many complaints over refereeing, Teacher broke top-seed Lendl's service with the score at 3-3 in the first game and never looked back.

Teacher, 25, played aggressive tennis, charging the net after serving, while Lendl, 20, played a baseline game.

In the other semifinal, second-seed Vijay Amritraj of India beat his countryman Ram Krishan 6-1, 6-4. Amritraj was to meet Teacher in the finals here Sunday.

## Olympic hero Lasse Viren bids track goodby

GATESHEAD, England, Nov. 23 (AP) — Four-time Olympic gold medalist Lasse Viren of Finland bid a sad farewell to track here Saturday.

The legendary Finn, winner of the 5,000 and 10,000 meters gold medals at both the Munich and Montreal Olympics, finished well back the 60-strong field at the international cross-country race here Saturday afternoon.

Berhanu Girma of Ethiopia won the race with Emile Puttemans of Belgium second. Last year's winner, M. Muir of Scotland, came in third.

It was a sad end to Viren's glittering track career which began in 1964 when he was runner-up in Finland's junior cross-country championship.

Three years later Viren ran his first 5,000-meters race in less than 15 minutes (14:59.4) — a feat no 18-year-old Finn had ever accomplished.

The young Viren took advantage of a stint in the Finnish army to do some hard training and by 1969, at the age of 20, he had become Finland's 5,000-meter senior champion. He then entered the police force.

Following a brief and unhappy period at an American university, Viren linked up with trainer Rolf Haikola in 1970 and went on to finish 17th in the 10,000-meters and 7th in the 5,000-meters in the European championship in Helsinki.

Still a virtual unknown, Viren stunned the 1972 Munich Olympics by winning gold medals in both the 5,000-meters and 10,000-

meter events. And he broke the 10,000-meter world record held by Australia's Ron Clarke despite a fall midway through the race.

In the four years following Munich, Viren slipped back into obscurity and failed to win a

single major race. His best performance during this period was a modest third-place in the 5,000-meters in the 1974 European championships in Rome. He was said to be having health problems.

But Viren took his revenge at the Montreal Olympics, repeating his Munich performance of two gold medals in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters, an exploit never achieved in the history of athletics. Twenty-four hours after finishing the 5,000-meters, Viren entered the marathon and finished fifth.

After Montreal, Viren failed to maintain his pace and at the Moscow Olympics last summer, the quadruple gold-medalist placed fifth in the 10,000-meters — a performance that cost him such effort that he withdrew from the 5,000 meters and abandoned in the marathon.

After the 1976 Montreal Olympics, Viren had to withdraw from the 1977 European championships in Helsinki because of a knee injury.

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To clinch Liverpool win over Villa

## Dalglish hits mar in last minute

LONDON, Nov. 23 (Agencies) — Kenny Dalglish scored two goals Saturday — one in the last minute — as Liverpool edged Aston Villa, leaders in the English soccer championship, 2-1 and set an all-time record for the English league.

But Dalglish said afterwards, "The two points were far more important than any record. We have got a game in hand over Villa and if we win at Wolverhampton in

Ipswich scored a fine 2-1 away win against Nottingham Forest.

Liverpool was in third place with 25 points from 18 games. Arsenal beat Everton 2-1 and lay fourth with 24 points from 19 matches.

While Liverpool was re-writing the record books, a number of less celebrated sides were also attempting to make a name for themselves in the first round of the English Football Association (FA) Cup. Mossley, a little-known northern team, succeeded by toppling league side Crewe Alexandra 1-0.

But the real drama was at Anfield where the top-of-the-table clash between Liverpool and Aston Villa fulfilled all expectations.

Despite the unstinted commitment of both sides right from the start, the first half failed to produce a goal and it was not until the 66th minute that Liverpool went ahead as David Johnson set off Dalglish's first goal.

Liverpool led 12 minutes before Villa defender Allan Evans exploited an open space to the Liverpool area to score with a left-foot shot. But in the final minute Dalglish struck again, after Terry McDermott and Johnson had created an opening, and Villa was left with scant reward for its part in a stirring match.

Nottingham Forest suffered its second successive home defeat as Ipswich captured the form that made it First Division leaders in the opening weeks of the season. It seemed Forest might salvage a win when Ian Wallace scored in the 77th minute to equalize Alan Brazil's first-half goal for Ipswich. But after 79 minutes Ipswich was awarded a penalty and John Wark converted.

The win stretched Liverpool's undefeated home run to 60 matches. The previous record of 59 home games without defeat was held by Millwall.

Aston Villa still led the title race with 28 points from 19 games, but Ipswich, only two points behind, have played two games fewer.

## Watson records 67 to whip Reid in Japan golf tourney

MIYAZAKI, Japan, Nov. 23 (AP) — Tom Watson of the United States fired a five-under par 67 Sunday and came from behind to win the \$300,000 Dunlop Phoenix golf tournament by two strokes over fellow American Mike Reid, who led in the first three rounds.

Watson, 31-year-old top money winner on the PGA tour for the last four years, won the \$52,173 first prize, plus a Japanese car.

It was his second appearance in the annual tournament at this southern Kyushu city. Watson was sixth last year, five shots back of the American winner Bobby Wadkins, who failed to make the halfway cut off at 156 Friday.

Watson ended the 1980 golf season with eight victories, including the British Open.

Reid, 26, who has never won a tournament in four years as a pro, collected the second prize of \$30,434.

Final Scores

Tom Watson, U.S.	68-74-73-67 — 282
Mike Reid, U.S.	64-76-72-72 — 284
Severiano Ballesteros, Spain	71-76-70-73 — 290
Graham Marsh, Australia	71-75-74-72 — 292
Sandy Lyle, Britain	72-74-75-71 — 292
Larry Nelson, U.S.	73-77-67-75 — 292
Ed Sneed, U.S.	76-71-76-70 — 293
Ken Brown, Britain	70-73-73-75 — 293
Yasuhiko Miyamoto, Japan	74-77-75-67 — 293
Morio Suzuki, Japan	79-78-72-72 — 294
Kikuo Arai, Japan	77-73-75 — 294
Iiso Ando, Japan	75-80-70-70 — 295
Bob Charles, U.S.	75-71-75-75 — 297
Shigeo Takemoto, Japan	73-76-75-73 — 297
Koichi Inoue, Japan	75-74-73-75 — 297
Yoshitomo Funatogawa, Japan	73-74-76-74 — 297
Don Pooley, U.S.	73-76-75-74 — 298
Saburo Fujiki, Japan	77-75-75-72 — 299

the lead in the tenth minute. One minute later Arthur Graham touched in a header by Carl Harris and levelled the scores. Mike Channon settled it for Southampton in the 22nd minute after goalkeeper John Lukie had failed to hold Nick Holmes' kick. Southampton played without England stars Kevin Keegan and Dave Watson, both injured.

Manchester City 3 Coventry 0 (2-0). Manchester, bottom of the standings a few weeks ago, continued its remarkable revival under manager John Bond. Kevin Reeves and Paul Power scored as Manchester swamped Coventry in the first half. One of Bond's new signings, Ian Hutchinson, dribbled through his former teammates and crossed for Dave Bennett to make it 3-0 in the 56th minute.

Birmingham 2 Tottenham 1 (1-0). A close game swung against Tottenham after its Argentinian star Osvaldo Ardiles had hit the post early. Alan Curbishley set Birmingham ahead with a 25-meters shot just before half-time. In the second half Alan Ainscow got another for Birmingham and Ardiles had some revenge with a goal for Spurs.

Brighton 1 Manchester United 4 (0-3). Manchester United hit top form and wrapped up the game in the first half with two goals by Joe Jordan and one by Sammy McIlroy. Brighton fought back well and Andy Ritchie, a former Manchester United player, pulled one back in the 67th minute. But Mike Duxbury made it 4-1.

West Bromwich 3 Leicester 1 (1-0). Bryan Robson, sweeper of the England team that beat Switzerland in the World Cup qualification this week, scored in the seventh minute and gave within seven minutes. West Bromwich had raced to a 3-1 lead with a fine shot by Remi Moses and a penalty by Gary Owen. Earlier Owen had had a penalty saved by Mark Wallington.

Middlesbrough 2 Wolverhampton 0 (0-0). Everything happened Middlesbrough in the second half. Captain Tony McAndrew was sent off in the 51st minute, but the ten-man squad stormed to the attack and won with late goals by Mark Proctor and Dave Hodgson.

Stoke 1 Crystal Palace 0 (0-0). Palace fought a grim rearguard action but fell to a late goal by Republic of Ireland star Brian O'Callaghan.

Norwich 1 Sunderland 0 (1-0). Winger Steve Goble was recalled to the Norwich line-up and scored the winning goal in the 12th minute, racing through to pick up a pass from Mick McGuire.

West Ham kept the lead in the Second Division promotion race with a 2-0 win over Swans. Chelsea downed Sheffield Wednesday 2-0 and drew level with Notts County, which was held to a 1-1 draw at Shrewsbury.

West Ham had 28 points and Chelsea and Notts County 27. There is a five-point gap between the top teams and Sheffield Wednesday, which was fourth with 22.

Aberdeen preserved its unbeaten record in the Scottish Premier Division — but only just. It was on the brink of shock defeat at the hands of bottom club Kilmarnock when Alex McLeish scored two minutes from the end to earn the league leaders a 1-1 draw.



VILLA SCORER : Allan Evans, left, here controlling the ball for Aston Villa in a game against Crystal Palace, tied the score in the tense encounter with Liverpool Saturday. But Kenny Dalglish scored his second goal in the last minute to wrap up Liverpool's 60th straight home win in the English League — a league record.

## Soccer Results

English League First Division		Second Division		Scottish League Premier Division	
Arsenal	2	Everton	1	Queens Park Rangers	2
Birmingham	2	Tottenham	1	Notts County	1
Brighton	1	Manchester United	4	Shedden Rovers '78	1
Liverpool	2	Aston Villa	1	Swansea	0
Manchester City	3	Coventry	0		
Middlesbrough	2	Wolverhampton	0		
Norwich	1	Sunderland	0		
Nottingham Forest	1	Ipswich	2	Celtic	1
Southampton	2	Leeds	1	St. Mirren	2
Stoke City	3	Crystal Palace	0	Rangers	0
West Bromwich	3	Leicester	1	Aberdeen	1

Second Division		First Division	
Bolton Wanderers	1	Grimsby	1
Bristol Rovers	1	Derby	1
Cambridge	2	Bristol City	1
Cardiff City	1	Luton	0
Chelsea	2	Sheffield Wednesday	0
Newcastle	0	Wrexham	1
Odham	0	Orient	0
		Berwick Rangers	1
		Clydebank	1
		Dundee	5
		Dunfermline	2
		Ayr United	3
		0	St. Johnstone
		Falkirk	3
		Motherwell	4
		Dumbarton	2
		Ruth Rovers	1
		Hamilton	0

## India dominates 2nd day of cricket in W. Australia

PERTH, Nov. 23 (AP) — Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar, one of the world's finest batsmen, played the West Australian attack in scoring 157 on Sunday, the second day of the three-day game here at the W.A.C.A. ground.

The 31-year-old opener made the most of three lies and some near misses in an innings that blossomed with each hour he was at the crease.

Gavaskar declared India's innings closed at 312 for four — 66 minutes before the close of play, giving his side a first-innings lead of sixteen runs. At the close Western Australian had scored 34 without loss in their second innings, with Bruce Laird on 18 and Greg Shipperd on 12.

Gavaskar was rusty early and he was dropped at 9, 41 and 69. But it was an innings that showed he would be a big danger to Australia in the coming test series. He took 101 minutes to reach 50, and his century was posted to 233 minutes. But then he cut loose with his next 50 runs coming in only 33 minutes.

Pryor keeps boxing title

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 23 (R) — Aaron Pryor of Cincinnati successfully defended his World Boxing Association (WBA) junior welterweight crown here Saturday with a sixth-round technical knockout over Gaetan Hart of Canada.

Pryor, 25, recorded the 25th knockout of his professional career with a barrage of punches 51 seconds into the sixth round. His record now stands at 27-0.

Referee Roberto Ramirez of Puerto Rico stopped the fight after Pryor had connected numerous times to Hart's face, opening a cut under the challenger's left eye. Pryor was in complete control from the beginning, scoring with regularity and consistency.

Hart, whose record is now 16-19-3, landed a few punches but never hurt the champion.

## English rugby final set

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AFP) — Gloucestershire and Northumberland will meet in the inter-county rugby union final at Twickenham on Jan. 31.

In Saturday's semifinal Gloucestershire beat Warwickshire 3-0 at Bristol thanks to a 19th minute penalty by David Sorrell, to qualify for its tenth final in twelve years. It has won the cup four times.

Northumberland, a club celebrating its 100th birthday which last won the county title in 1898, Saturday beat Surrey 12-6 at Gosforth. Scrum-half Johnson kicked a drop goal and a penalty and Young the other Northumberland points with two penalties. Nick Preston kicked two penalties for Surrey.

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## Las Vegas disaster Fire burst gamblers' cocoon

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** How did it happen, the second worst hotel fire in U.S. history that killed more than 80 guests at one of Las Vegas' most prestigious tourist spots? Here is how eyewitnesses and officials saw the MGM Grand Hotel disaster.

By Peter Arnett

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Nov. 23 (AP) — The neon-splashed Las Vegas night had turned to sun-drenched morning, but the gamblers in the MGM Grand Hotel-Casino were lost in their softly lit, timeless cocoon where hours were measured by the size of your stack of chips or the weight of slot machine coins in your palm. All their luck ran out in less than a minute.

"At 7:35 (Friday morning), the front end

of the casinn blew out like a World War II flamethrower," said Charles MacGregor, assistant security supervisor of the Barbary Coast Hotel across the street.

A pit boss he knew from the MGM Grand staggered onto the street. "The fire took just 22 seconds to cross the 100 yards (91 meters) of the casinn floor," MacGregor quoted his friend as saying.

"A high-roller just sat at his table looking at his \$50,000 worth of chips and I told him to get out, I'll vouch for them later," the pit boss said.

As flames enveloped the inner floor of the massive granite structure, and screams of terrified guests in the upper floors mingled with the wail of arriving fire engines, the gamblers played on in the casinos across the street as

dramatic evidence of their passion.

"Would you believe they kept on playing the slot machines and didn't even bother looking out the window?" said Ruth Stein, a change girl at the Barbary Coast. "I said to several of them playing the dollar machines, 'don't you know people are dying over there?' but they just grunted and kept pulling the handles."

It was only when the Barbary Coast's casinn was cleared to be used as a temporary evacuation center for MGM guests that the hard-core gamblers reluctantly moved on to other of the never-closed casinos on down the glittering strip.

"We always knew that one day something was going to happen like this," said Clark County Fire Chief Roy Parrish as the full impact of the tragedy became clearer.

By Saturday morning other officials were agreeing that reluctance to impose recent strict safety measures on hotels built earlier probably contributed to the death toll. "You can't force people to bring hotels up to codes that didn't exist when they were built," said state of Nevada Governor Robert List.

But a guest at the stricken hotel, New York businessman Ceser Sanzaro, angrily disagreed when he talked to reporters after the fire. "They didn't have sprinklers. There were no smoke alarms. There was not even water to wet the towels because it had been turned off," he said. "It was a disastrous situation."

The blaze that crippled the 26-story hotel, one of the largest in the world, began in the common kitchen that served several restaurants situated about the lower floors of the hotel, fire officials said.

Then this series of events compounded what fire officials said might otherwise have been another containable kitchen fire:

The hotel alarm system, located on the kitchen level, burned out. Guests in the resort's 2,076 rooms were unaware of the impending danger.

The sprinkler system in the kitchen on the ground floor — one of only three floors that had such equipment — was ineffective in putting out the blaze. The flames jumped the outside walls to the casinn and burst loose in the "eye in the sky," an installation where casinn employees secretly observe the gambling tables below. This enveloped the casinn in an explosion of flames. Ten bodies were later found in the charred and twisted wreckage of the casinn.

With no outlet at that level, choking clouds of black smoke poured up the elevator shafts and into every floor, panicking guests who awoke to find acrid fumes seeping into their rooms.

Fire doors on the inside stairway could not be opened from the inside, and this prompted fleeing guests to prop the doors open behind them in case they had to get out again. That meant even greater volumes of the suffocating fumes were spread throughout the building. New country fire regulations provide that doors close tight but do not lock.

The ventilation system, which could have been turned off, spread smoke into rooms, leading many of the guests to break sealed windows in panic and in escape attempts. At least 70 of the dead were in the upper floors.

Smoke so quickly filled the telephone switchboard room that the operators had time only to warn the casinn crowd over the public address system before they had to flee. No guests were warned by telephone.

There are some 60 casinn hotels on the strip or the downtown casinn center in Las Vegas. Many, like the MGM Grand Hotel, were built under now-outdated safety codes.

**Chinese tribunal opens hearing on air force chief**

PEKING, Nov. 23 (R) — A special court in Peking Sunday started hearings into charges against former Air Force Commander Wu Fu Xian, one of five former top-ranking officers accused of plotting to assassinate Mao Tse-Tung and stage a coup in 1971.

Wu appeared before the "second tribunal" of the special court trying former military officers and civilians.

The "first tribunal," handling the cases of the civilians involved in Communist China's counter-revolutionary trial, will sit Monday with Wang Hongwen, junior member of the so-called Gang of Four, in the dock.

All 10 defendants, including Mao's widow, Jiang Qing, appeared at the opening session of the special court on Thursday to hear the 20,000-word indictment read out. The indictment contains 48 specific charges, including the assassination and coup plot the persecution and deaths of many thousands of people and a plot for an armed rebellion in Shanghai.

Not all the charges apply to each individual defendant, although all face the death sentence.

Chinese television showed a brief excerpt from the second day's hearing. Wu appeared alone before the military tribunal looking submissive but healthy. During the three-minute broadcast, his only audible words were, "It was Lin Biao (former defense chief) who ordered me. Everything Lin Biao told me to do I did."



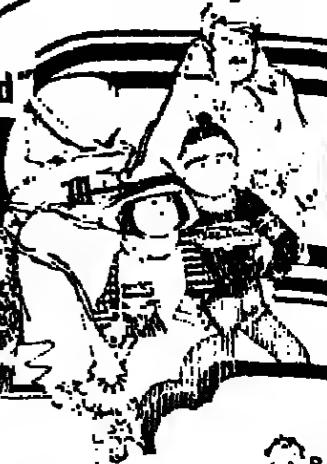
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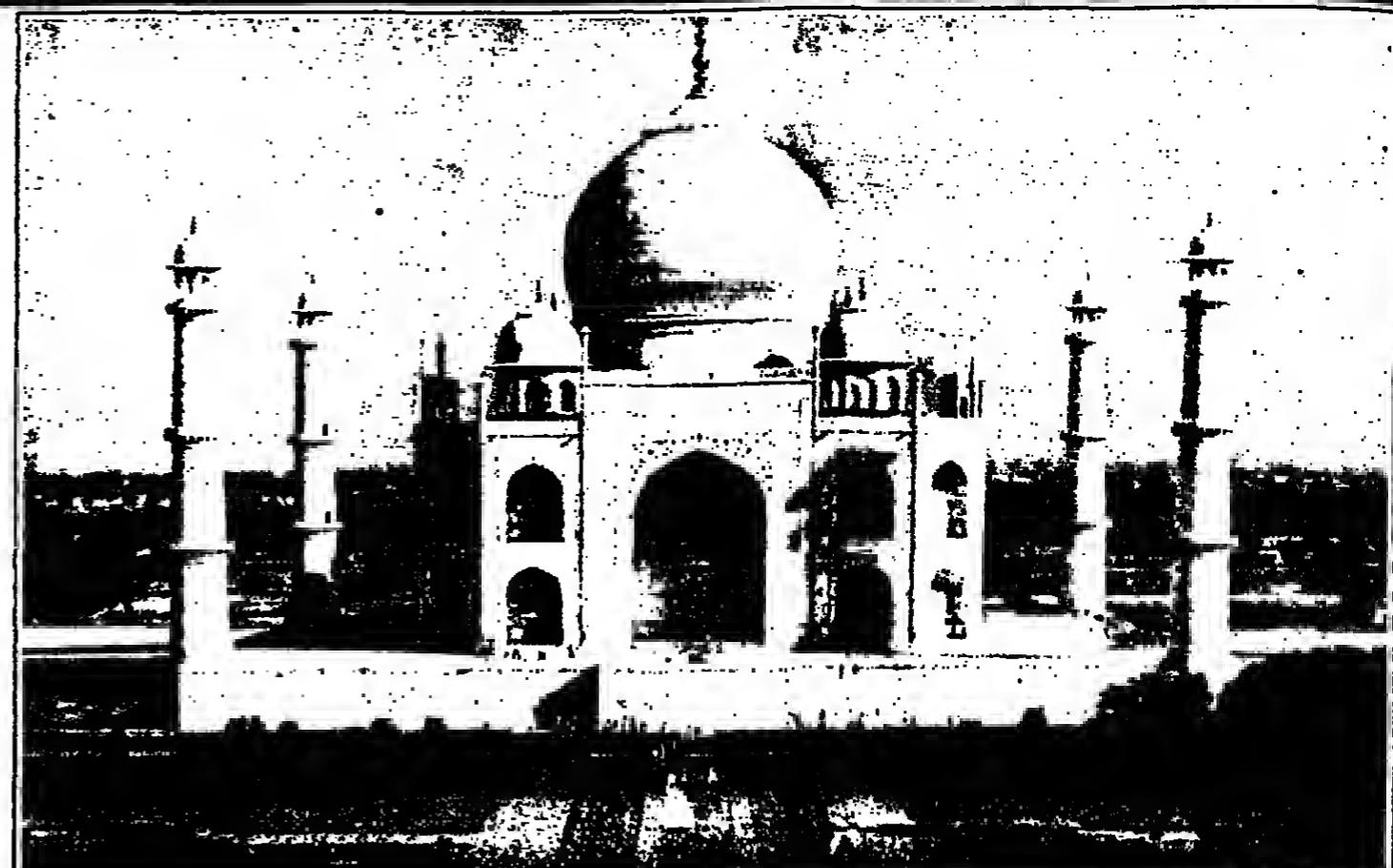
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TAJ BLISTERING : The stately Taj Mahal, pride of India, is blistering from nearby industries. With the completion of an oil refinery at Agra, damage may be accelerated. (Wirephoto)

*'It's like a cancer'*

## Refinery's fumes could damage Taj

MATHURA, India, Nov. 23 (LAT) —

The \$ 275 million oil refinery nearing completion on the western outskirts of this ancient city is considered vital to India's economic future.

However, the sulfur dioxide pollution that the refinery will generate is viewed by conservationists as a threat to one of the world's great architectural wonders, the Taj Mahal, located just 20 miles downwind of the refinery, at Agra.

After nearly six years of construction, the refinery will start up in mid-1981, according to government estimates. The refinery is really a secondary consideration.

What worries conservationists most is that concentrations of sulfur dioxide from the refinery will generate acid rain that will damage the Taj Mahal. The Taj Mahal, located just 20 miles downwind of the refinery, at Agra.

"It's like a cancer," said Som N. Chih, vice president and co-founder of the Indian Heritage Society, which was established 18 months ago with the goal of protecting the Taj and other historical monuments in Agra. "Like cancer, it will

spread more rapidly as time goes on."

The Indian government has already moved to cut off existing sources of sulfur dioxide pollution in Agra, but the impact of refinery emissions on the Taj remains a question mark. Conservationists have expressed fear that pollution will far exceed government estimates and pose a new danger to the Taj and other ancient buildings at Agra.

The Taj is in no imminent danger of destruction. Indeed, a viewer's first impression of the tomb, built more than 300 years ago by Emperor Shah Jahan for his wife, is of stunning beauty. Only a closer inspection shows the effect of pollution on its marble.

In some areas, the pollution has caused a buff-colored sort of rash. Elsewhere, especially on the horizontal surfaces, the marble has been etched gray by the acid created when sulfur dioxide combines with moisture.

The decision to locate the country's largest oil refinery just 20 miles from its most famous architectural treasure was made in 1972, a time when environmental science was little known in India.

"We were monitoring damage for

years but never looked into the cause," said B.K. Thaper, director-general of India's Archaeological Society, the government body responsible for preserving the Taj. "It was only when we launched environmental studies in 1973-74 that we realized air pollution was a cause."

But by then it was too late for the conservationists to block the refinery.

A government-appointed committee of experts was ordered to conduct an environmental impact study of the refinery in 1975. But the committee, which was headed by the chief executive of India's state-owned petrochemicals corporation and acting largely on studies conducted by a consultant under contract for the refinery's owner, the Indian Oil Corp., concluded that the project posed no threat to the Taj.

The refinery would contribute only one to two micrograms of sulfur dioxide per cubic meter, compared to what was then an average level of 15 to 20 micrograms, according to the study's conclusions.

In best protect the Taj, the committee said, industries already contributing to pollution should be shut down or moved from Agra.

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IN TOTAL, THERE ARE 21 SHOPS TO BE RENTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

Perfumes and Cosmetics - Men's Wear - Office Supplies - Electrical Appliances - Newspapers and Magazines - Hair Dressing - Pharmacy - Bank - Grocery Store - Sweets and Nuts - Travel Agency - Handicrafts and Gifts - Jewelry - Flowers - Households - Sports Wear and Equipment - Children Toys - Children's Wear - Woman's Wear - Women's Footwear - Bags and Men's Footwear.

THE BUILDING CONTAINS OFFICE SPACE AREAS RANGING BETWEEN 89-890 m<sup>2</sup>.

SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN RENTING, PLEASE CONTACT:

General Organization for Social Insurance, Investment Department, Riyadh - Tel. 4789127, 4785983 or 4785081-Ext. 382;

Regional Social Insurance Office, Jeddah - Tel. 6876413 or 6876511 - Ext. 224; or

The concerned official at the Building itself.



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